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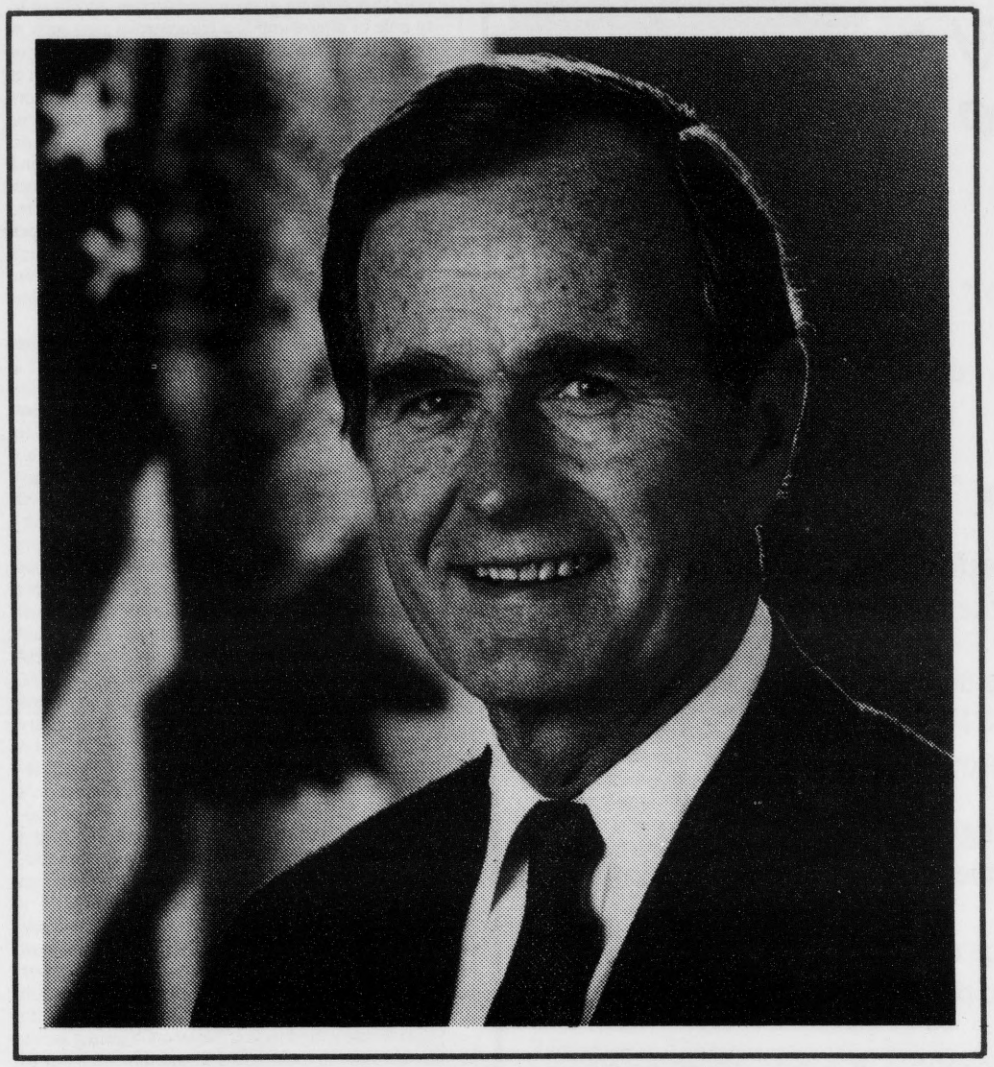

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(letters)

An Invitation From CCBA

Perhaps the two people who wrote the "Certain Ideas of Beautification" letter (*SF Bay Times*, Sept. 24) should come to one of the Castro Community Business Alliance (CCBA) monthly meetings. They just might be surprised at what CCBA does and does not do in its Castro beautification efforts. A few items need to be clarified.

The CCBA recognizes and upholds *everyone's* right to post flyers, signs and posters on any city utility pole or streetlamp in a commercial area such as the Castro. This is a right spelled out by the City of San Francisco (sec. 675) and discussed at length at our meetings. Furthermore, CCBA's Saturday morning clean-up volunteers *do not* remove posters or flyers from poles unless they are out of date. We do remove old posters, left-over adhesives, tape and other remnants. We remove posters and flyers from private property with the permission of the owners. We have received permission from the newspaper rack owners, Pacific Bell, PG&E (for utility boxes) and MUNI (for bus shelters) and various businesses. We also transfer signs from MUNI shelters to poles when possible.

Even though CCBA does not remove current signs from poles, we have noticed that the lifespan of a piece of paper on a pole has been shortened considerably in the Castro area. I am afraid that the people that post on the poles have only themselves to blame. For far too long these people who exercise the right to post on poles have ignored the associated responsibility for removing their signs after their advertised event was only a faded memory. A backlash has resulted in the Castro community. People who live and work in our neighborhood are fed up with poles littered with advertisements long since out of date. Residents are now pulling your posters off almost as fast as you can put them up. I am afraid that it is you who have a public relations problem with the Castro community as a whole.

As far as your allegations that we are somehow beholden to Mayor Jordan and his "clean city thugs," as you phrased it, Frank Jordan Jr., who runs an organization called Neighbors for Neighborhoods, was kind enough to offer his organization's help for a one-day clean-up on July 18. He provided eager volunteers, brooms and bags. His group goes around from neighborhood to neighborhood, sweeping streets. We have not heard a word from him since, but we sure appreciated his help.

CCBA is not an organization of "thugs," nor are we out to "sanitize the Castro." We are, for the most part, residents of the Castro who take pride in our neighborhood and want to keep it clean. It is foolish to think that the City of San Francisco is going to provide adequate funding for street cleaning in the Castro. Face it, the neighborhoods that are going to survive and flourish are the ones that fend for themselves. Castro is such a neighborhood.

We invite you to attend our next meeting, Thursday, Oct. 8. It will be held at MCC, 150 Eureka St., at 6:30 pm. It is an open meeting; membership is not required. We welcome complaints and especially solutions. For those who wish to volunteer for the Saturday morning clean-up, we meet at 9:30 am in front of Take One Video on Castro. The CCBA's phone number is 773-8792.

Jim King
Member of the CCBA
San Francisco

Warning on (Sophisticated) Obscene Caller

This letter is a warning to other women who may fall prey to a phone caller posing as a researcher for the "Hite Foundation" (an allusion to the authors of the Hite report on women's sexuality). Beware! This is just a sophisticated front for an obscene phone call!

I received a call recently from someone whose polite, professional and well-spoken manner masked his true mission of attempting to learn intimate sexual details. Despite his guarantees that the study was legitimate, he was lying. His method of gaining my confidence began by asking me questions about my stand on abortion, sex education in public schools and age of consent—legitimate questions that women are rarely asked. But please be aware that these questions are a clever and sophisticated ruse. If he calls, hang up.

If you do receive such a call, let me offer you some suggestions. First, call the SF Police Department's sexual assault section at (415) 553-1361. They want this information for their statistics and want you to file a complaint for investigation. The woman who answered was not only helpful, but also supportive. She repeatedly reminded me that I had done nothing wrong and should not blame myself for being willing to respond to "legitimate" opinion questions.

The sexual assault section will ask if you want a complaint form sent in the mail or if you want a uniformed officer sent over to take the complaint in person.

Next, call Community United Against Violence (CUAV), a nonprofit organization committed to stopping anti-hate violence, at their 24-hour crisis line (415) 333-4357 (333-HELP). They are professionals at handling such matters and keep statistics about obscene phone calls. Finally, call the phone company to file a report. Dial 0 for the operator and explain that you want to report an obscene call. You will be directed to the appropriate department, which offers a variety of services.

Reporting the incident, by making these calls and talking to your friends, family and co-workers may help to turn the possible blame and shame into empowerment. Make the calls immediately so that the details are fresh, can be reported and then forgotten. We cannot know who is at the other end of the line when we pick up the phone; the victims of such obscene calls are not to be blamed.

Karen Leslie Topakian
San Francisco

June Jordan's Poetic Resistance

I don't think June Jordan's poetry belongs on the sidewalk, but kudos to Queer Nation for beautifying the pavement along upper Market Street with spray-painted stencils of an excerpt from her "Poem About My Rights." Whoever came up with the idea of appropriating Professor Jordan's admonition that "from now on my resistance/ my simple and daily and nightly self-determination/ may very well cost you your life," has been reading some good work! Did y'all know those words were penned by the most published African American writer in history?

Dig it. If you like it on the sidewalk, you'll love it on the printed page! Everyone should be up on June Jordan's work, and not just because you stepped on it in the Castro! This woman is *really* talkin' 'bout a *serious* revolution! Check it out. She'll give you hope for the future and inspiration for the present, two things we can all use in abundance right about now. Hell, if *she* were in office, y'all would *love* the sound of "Mayor Jordan!"

Stefanie Kelly
Oakland

Brechtian Farce at City Hall

Talk about the sleaze factor in government: On the front page of our daily morning newspaper, we see our mayor—formerly a retired San Francisco police chief with 33 years on the police force—standing on a Giants-bannered balcony of the dilapidated City Hall, kissing his daughter-bride, whom he just married, after his three-year-old divorce from his wife of 25 years.

This is straight out of Bertolt Brecht's *Threepenny Opera.* Also straight out of Brecht's biting commentary on inappropriate priorities is the immense and growing poverty in the streets and homes of the people of San Francisco, the people who just can't come up with enough money to invest in a gambling racket known as a baseball team, and get the Board of Supervisors to turn over the city treasury to pay millionaires' legal expenses.

On the same day as the wedding, a wealthy tourist asked me why City Hall has a banner demanding that we save the Giants, instead of a banner demanding that we save the City. He had been under the impression that San Francisco was a sophisticated city. I assured him that was a wrong impression. The Mayor and Board of Supervisors have proclaimed saving a baseball team the number-one priority, more important than health care, buses, street repair, and full employment at decent wages for all workers.

Lee Heller
San Francisco

Swords, Plowshares or Chewing Gum for the Mind?

I never heard of *Murphy Brown* until Dan Quayle attacked it. I would rather read than watch TV, especially the silly dramas. At first, I thought Quayle was on the publicity committee for this chewing gum for the mind. Then, when he referred to the Hollywood "elite," I knew this was the same old anti-Semitic theme the right wing loves to use to round up the troops when they have no economic program to offer. Obviously, a noticeable portion of employees in the movie, TV and newspaper industries are people of Jewish descent.

The real question that Quayle, Bush, Gore, or Clinton have yet to address is the economy. We know for a fact that all four support the same foreign

policy program. That means all four support putting guns before butter. Since religion is being used as a smokescreen, perhaps we ought to frame the question to all of them in terms they understand: Do you support turning swords into plowshares?

Lee Heller
San Francisco

Switch From Qual-Med

One would think that with such great articles by Tim Kingston, Qual-Med might back off on their harassment of AIDS patients and their doctors. No way. Today Qual-Med utilization reviewers overruled a doctor who wanted his patient to switch to ddI from AZT/ddC. Said patient had to wait six weeks this summer for Qual-Med ddC authorization when he was clearly eligible. The patient had been taking AZT for three years.

Due to this and numerous other cases of less than ideal AIDS treatment, we are calling on all *SF Bay Times* readers to boycott Qual-Med and switch health plans if they can. The boycott will be initiated with a picket and call-in on Oct. 20 at Qual-Med, 155 Grand Ave., Oakland, near 19th Street BART at noon. If you can't come, call 1-800-372-8200 and demand they honor all treatments prescribed by affiliated doctors and specialists or submit all AIDS treatment to review by an independent panel.

Remember, if you become seriously ill, you can't count on Qual-Med (formerly HEALS and Bridgeway).

John Iversen
Qual-Med HIV+ Patients Union
Oakland

On Ggreg and Union Busting

Now I know why (G)greg Deborah Taylor, O.S., has that extra letter at the start of his name. When I read his piece about the End-Up boycott, ("Welcome to Me," *SF Bay Times,* Sept. 10) my first thought was, "G(ee), Greg, how did you squeeze so much misinformation into three short paragraphs?"

Now to get semantic on y'all, but a "strike," as Ggreg calls the IWW's action, is when workers voluntarily walk out in an effort to get something from management. Our people were fired—for unionizing with the IWW.

And it wasn't just "one employee" with a "personality" problem. Six members of the End-Up maintenance crew joined the IWW. Everyone but the supervisor (who couldn't join even if he wanted since bosses aren't allowed to be Wobblies). Only one of them works there now. Coincidence or purge?

They weren't fired for sympathizing with the union, or expressing interest in the union. They had already *joined* the union, and remain to this day dues-paying members in good standing.

Fellow workers David Ewell, Dust McGowan, Jay Hanke, Dave (MDC) Dictor, Lynn Breedlove and, yes, Deke Motif Nihilson, were all in agreement that they needed the power of collective bargaining to counteract the End-Up's policy of arbitrary discipline and firings. And they agreed that the Industrial Workers of the World was the best union for this purpose.

We never tried to organize the bartenders or floorworkers. If those people are "content with their non-union status," we're very happy for them. Our "bargaining unit" (to throw some labor lingo at you) was always the maintenance department and those workers alone.

The apathy of these other End-Up workers should not be held against the maintenance department. In the words of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), the End-Up janitors had a "community of interest." That is, they shared a common set of issues unique to their job category. Working in the middle of the night, cleaning up after everybody's party, they were largely a group unto themselves.

Ggreg also states with concern that "we have been trained to respond without listening," as though masses of (politically correct) people were shunning the End-Up in solidarity with the IWW. Having spent over 20 hours on the picket line, I can only say that I wish this were so. Most people respond with indifference to our picket, as though we were an annoying obstacle to an otherwise good time. Those few clubgoers who do take the time to listen to us, or read our leaflet, tend to respond favorably. If any knees are jerking, they seem to have a distinct anti-union bias.

I would like to ask the patrons of Dekadence, Girl Spot and Uranus one thing: Which is more important, the "right" of the queer community to party in peace or the "right" of queer workers to job security in supposedly queer-friendly workplaces? For those who prioritize partying, let me remind you that this recession is a tough time to be unemployed, especially if your lifestyle leaves you economically marginalized. Try partying when you're out of a job and see how much fun you have.

Whatever disagreements Ggreg and I may have about the End-Up situation, I'm sure he supports the right of the IWW to picket there. Judging by his righteous attack of the Golden Broom brownshirts, it would seem that First Amendment rights are dear to his heart. So, he'll be dismayed to learn that the EndUp has hired the most notorious union-busting law firm in San Francisco (Littler, Mendelson, Fastiff and Tichy) to attack us and our right to free speech.

If this were just a disgruntled ex-employee on a soapbox, I doubt that Miracle Mile Enterprises, Inc. (dba the End-Up) would have hired the highest-priced attorneys in town just to shut him up. Ggreg may not take this issue seriously, but apparently the End-Up does. We now have an injunction against "recognitional picketing," which means that our demand for union recognition is no longer considered "free speech" (covered by the Bill of Rights), but rather "union activity" and, as such, can be limited under the NLRA. Big Brother is alive and well, thank you.

And so the IWW gets dragged, kicking and screaming, into the maze of labor law and bureaucracy that is the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). We now have no choice but to fight the End-Up on their own terms, despite our preferences for direct economic action. Our beef with the bar is as old as the battle between labor and capital, and we all know which side the U.S. government is bound to favor.

We still desperately need the support of the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community in order to win this thing. You won't need excuses (though Ggreg has plenty) to cross our picket line anymore, since the End-Up has hired their gunslingers to silence us. The picket line is in your hearts and minds now—you can check your conscience at the door and party till the cows come home, or you can... Dump the bosses off your back!

Bill Dunham
IWW Delegate
San Francisco

Reclaiming the Word "Witch"

This is in response to Daniel Jones' thoughtful letter ("The Meaning of Desiree's Loss," *SF Bay Times,* Sept. 24). I would just like to remind you that words besides "queer" need reclaiming. Witches (whether that is their term or someone else's) are no more "black-garbed, pentagram-wearing, game-players" than they are ugly, cackling eaters of children. Rejoice in queers, dykes, whores ("one who desires"—and why not?) and witches.

We're here too.

K.C. Mitchell
San Francisco

Careful Who You Judge

In response to Daniel Jones' letter ("The Meaning of Desiree's Loss," Sept. 24): Speaking of "Statements that are vastly misleading and tend to foster unwarranted moral judgments and condemnations of people who deserve recognition and respect," what about your statement, "black garbed, pentagram-wearing, game-players brought to mind by the word witch"?

S. Black
San Francisco

All Demons Go Back to Hell

I'm really fed up with the discrimination at some of the bars in San Francisco, namely the 'N Touch. I really wish all these demons from hell—Republicans, homophobes, hate-filled sissies and American trash—would eat crap and find another universe other than mine to spread their horror.

I thank the almighty force everyday for my blessings and the damnations of losers.

V. Babe McDougal
San Francisco

Children's Right to Be Children

Fighting NAMBLA for our children's right to be children and to develop in health and safety is a serious business!

NAMBLA is very serious, as are other (unorganized) pedophiles, about seducing the innocent and helpless.

The name of the game is "have your way." To do this you must say and do anything to seduce not only your "intended," but those who would stand guard over their innocence.

Whether it takes rhetoric, lies, guilt or threats (or even disguising the lies to make them acceptable), it's all crap!

If NAMBLA thinks the majority of members of the gay and lesbian community are so blind and ignorant that we can't see through their attempts to confuse the real issues with their ridiculous rhetoric, then they've underestimated the intelligence of the thinking majority.

NAMBLA members are very adept at baffling us with bullshit! Just because they're smooth talkers in no way lends credence to their rhetoric.

We are not a community of child molesters and do not wish to be represented by them. OK? We do not embrace them as part of our community any more than any gay or lesbian would welcome a pedophile into their home to associate with their children.

On the outside chance that they have some valid points to make concerning children's—or some other minority's—rights, it is only a smokescreen and I for one am not impressed! Remember this: pedophiles often offer candy, drugs or favors to children to entice them into relationships that they are not equipped to deal with.

NAMBLA's tactics (attempting to remove parental authority) smack of Marxism. Those of us who were at the "open forum" in June of this year were witness to the Revolutionary Workers League out in force to defend NAMBLA. When these two groups are in bed together, we had better take a very close look at the real agenda of NAMBLA. This is a serious business.

Al Kielwasser ("Adult Self-Interest," Letters, *SF Bay Times,* Sept. 10) is absolutely correct—the whole debate is an "insidious distraction." Let's quit giving nambla (lower case letters) a continuing forum by debating what most thinking adults of this community already agree upon.

The time has come for us to join in the common goal of "investing in our children," as stated by Mr. Kielwasser. Please, let's stop some of our foolishness and selfishness and begin to put our energies into organizations that promote positive goals for kids! Why is this so difficult to get?

By the way, Harvey Milk may have been a boy-lover. If the boys were under 16, he was wrong. If not, it is not our concern. Check the record yourself.

Autumn-Starr Grumley
Oakland

Theory-Practice Gap in NAMBLA

Responding to my concerns about adult-infant intercourse, Vic Tim argues that I somehow managed to imply that "sex, as a source of pleasure and fulfillment, has no value" ("Sex Has Value," *SF Bay Times,* Sept. 24). His accusation is a classic pedophile ploy, a thoughtless rhetorical reaction. For the record, I am very much in favor of sex—a source of pleasure that should be broadly conceived and frequently practiced.

Unfortunately, pedophiles routinely label as "sex-negative" anyone who raises legitimate questions about the psychodynamics of adult-infant sex. We certainly do not yet know enough about early childhood development to declare the debate closed, which is what Vic Tim and other NAMBLA boosters seem to want. While adult sexual contact is not *necessarily* harmful to children, it frequently has been. The questions persist.

Contrary to Mr. Tim's accusations, I do understand how right-wing bigots play upon fears about child sexuality in order to advance their hateful political agenda. I know that age of consent laws are deeply and unforgivably homophobic. I also recognize that many of NAMBLA's position papers speak to much-needed legal, social and educational reforms.

However, NAMBLA members suffer from an incredibly large "theory-practice" gap. In theory, they are child advocates. In practice, they contribute almost nothing to children's urgent needs. In theory, they seek liberation of the child's libido. In practice, they really seem motivated by little more than their own orgasms. In that context, the "value of sex" seems rather one-sided.

Mr. Tim goes on to argue that pedophiles stand against the "Republican/fascists." Gay pedophiles and gay Republicans are quite alike, actually. They all talk endlessly about child welfare, when what they ultimately do is (literally and figuratively) screw children. I can see precious little difference between NAMBLA and that political excrement known as the Log Cabin Club.

Mr. Tim also incorrectly states that I claimed that no evidence of non-harmful child-adult sexual relationships exists. In fact, Mr. Tim stated that he possessed "unimpeachable" evidence on the sub-

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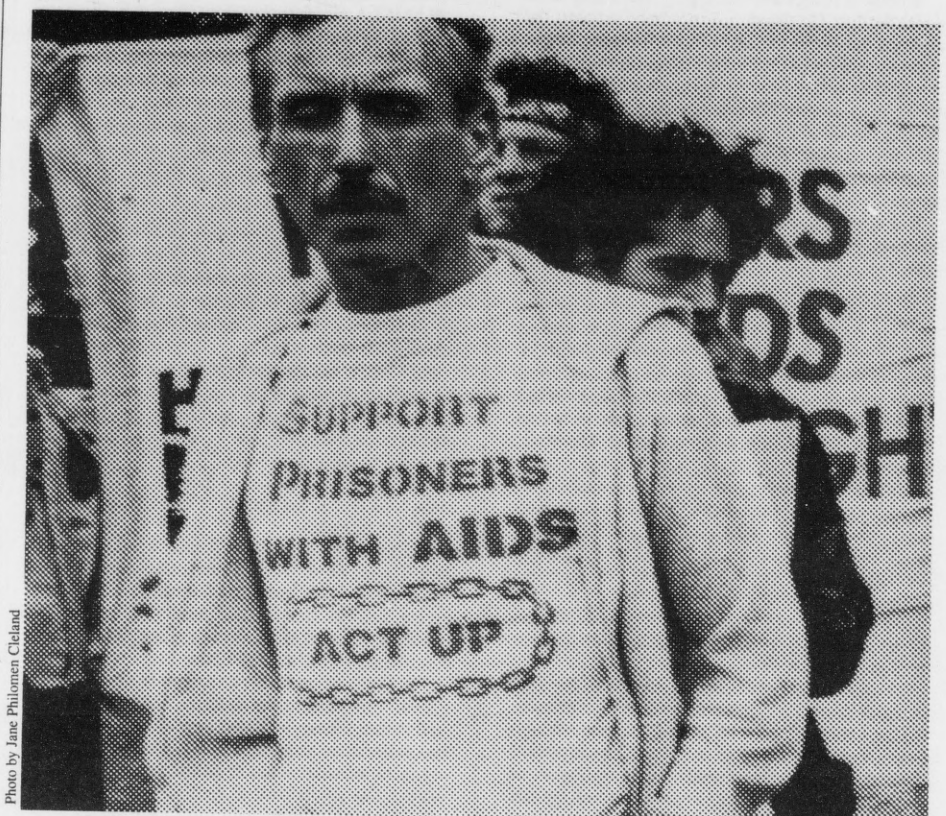

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ON THE STRIKE OF THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR LIVES

BY TIM KINGSTON

At least 39 prisoners with HIV are on a medication strike at the California Medical Facility (CMF) in Vacaville. The strike began on Sept. 20, with 150 inmates refusing all AIDS medications, to protest allegedly plummeting standards of health care for 300 prisoners with AIDS at the Vacaville prison hospital. Ex-inmates and prisoners who contacted ACT UP/San Francisco, say conditions at CMF have steadily deteriorated since HIV specialists Dr. German Maisonet and Dr. Jessica Clarke resigned in March.

"I have never seen a situation like this where prisoners have made such a dramatic move. Prisoners do not do this. They don't go on strike for a lark; the stakes are too high," says Judy Greenspan of ACT UP/SF, who was the director of ACLU's Prison Project. Greenspan, who has four years' experience in HIV and prison issues, says the strike shows that inmates feel "driven to the wall."

The spark that lit the powderkeg was the deaths of two inmates with AIDS—David Rosario and Richard Teague—on Sept. 16 and 18. Activists, inmates and even some sources inside the prison suggest Teague and Rosario's deaths may have been hastened by inadequate health care. They also charge that both inmates died in their cells, not in the hospital.

Then on Sept. 20—the day the strike began—William McCray, another prisoner with AIDS, died—bringing the total official AIDS death toll that month up to four (Richard Johnson, also a PWA, died on Sept. 2). Thirteen inmates are officially recorded as having died from AIDS this year at CMF, although unofficial tallies put the toll much higher.

Former inmate Lawrence Wilson,released on Sept. 19,says that Rosario died alone and unattended, despite repeated efforts to obtain medical care. Wilson—and another well-placed prison source requesting anonymity—say Dr. Belen Ezaz, a CMF AIDS physician, "just shined [Rosario] on. Instead of treatment, they sent him back to his cell. All reports are that he was found dead in his cell." The source requesting anonymity suggests "there was very questionable care with Rosario."

Wilson also charges Teague had severe kidney and liver problems that should have put him in the hospital. Instead, according to Wilson, Teague was left in his cell and admitted to the prison hospital barely 24 hours before he died. Another source working at CMF (also requesting anonymity) asserts that Teague and Rosario died in their cells, and says that "the [security] officers thought they were faking."

Tip Kendall, a spokesperson for the California Department of Corrections (CDoC), denies that any inmates died in their cells. Kendall says Rosario was taken to the Emergency Room where he was resuscitated twice before eventually succumbing to cardiac arrest. Kendall adds that Teague was taken to Vaca Valley Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Rumors raced through the prison the weekend that Teague and Rosario died. Inmates suggested as many as nine prisoners with AIDS had died that week, while ACT UP asserts that six prisoners with AIDS died. Kendall denies the reports. Repeated requests to Lt. Rita Montez, CMF public affairs officer, to set up direct or telephone interviews with the medical strikers failed to elicit any response from the prison.

ROOSTING CHICKENS

Wilson asserts the deaths of Rosario and Teague are emblematic of the problems at CMF. "The inmates are not being seen regularly. A nurse in the hospital said, '[Care is] catch as catch can.' " Wilson, as well as other inmates who have contacted ACT UP/SF, and two other sources at CMF, charge that both PWAs and non-HIV infected inmates in the prison system receive substandard care.

Critics say the prison physicians treating people with AIDS—Dr. William Estrin and Dr. Belen Ezaz—have little or no HIV experience. They also charge that the prison medical staff fails to diagnose and treat seriously ill HIV patients in a timely manner.

Another allegation is that podiatry interns serving at the prison operate without supervision from the full-time medical staff, and in some cases do rounds without the presence of a licensed doctor, say two sources who contacted *SF Bay Times* and the AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP).

Allegations coming out of the prison have already sent representatives of State Senators John Burton and David Roberti scurrying to Vacaville. Burton and Roberti staffers spent Oct. 2 holed up at CMF interviewing staff.

Meanwhile, an investigator working for attorneys Sam Miller and Alison Hardy, who represent the state and the prisoners, is conducting his own investigation. The results were due in the first week of October, but were continually delayed as *SF Bay Times* went to press. Miller and Hardy are jointly responsible for overseeing a consent decree that mandates standards of "adequate" medical care for inmates of the CMF. The so-called "Gates" decree protecting prisoners' medical needs is the result of a 1988 lawsuit.

Miller says he is unwilling to make any statements about the situation at CMF yet, but adds, "It is not surprising to us given the history of CMF." Miller pointed out overall medical care at the facility has long been suspect. He notes that three inmates died last summer due to heat exhaustion, resulting from inadequate supervision while they were taking prescribed psychotropic drugs.

CARE COMPLAINTS

Although *SF Bay Times* was unable to contact inmates directly, Arawn Eibhlyn of ACT UP/SF's Prison Issues Working Group has been in constant contact with the strikers. Eibhlyn charges that the CDoC is "getting away with ... a genocidal health care policy that is letting people with AIDS die. It is not taking care of the health needs of inmates in this facility, particularly those that are HIV-positive."

The strikers are demanding immediate improvements in medical care, as well as the rehiring of Drs. Maisonet and Clarke as consultants. Critics charge that the unfamiliarity of the CMF physicians with the course of HIV disease or HIV treatments means prisoners with AIDS are seriously underserved. Even worse, Michael Haggerty, a prisoner released earlier this year, asserts some staff are actively hostile to people with AIDS. "On several occasions I have heard staff say, 'What is the big deal? They will die anyway.'"

Wilson says that when he and some other inmates decided to try and get ddI, they succeeded in getting the drug, but then received no instructions on the treatment regime. "In fact the only word I got was 'chew,' " says Wilson.

Another prison AIDS patient, Steve Woody, also allegedly received inadequate care. Wilson, who was taking care of Woody as part of the prison's Shanti-like Pastoral Care Service program, says Woody was unable to swallow or keep solid food down. Yet prison staff kept bringing in a tray of solid food every day, Wilson says. Finally, the staff started to bring in broths or jello, says Wilson. "[But] that was too late. Woody could not swallow. That was typical."

Another allegation involves Richard Johnson. The Fairfield coroner reports that Johnson died of bronchial pneumonia due to AIDS on Sept. 2. But Wilson asserts, "There is no reason that should have killed him." The anonymous caller who contacted ALRP charged that "standard of care for HIV-positive inmates is virtually nonexistent. Richard Johnson was put in the inpatient unit for PCP and received no care."

Yet not everyone agrees that Johnson was neglected. Dr. Jan Diamond, a part-time consultant and CMF's only remaining AIDS specialist, says, contrary to the allegations, she is not certain that he died of PCP. She says Johnson was already severely ill with AIDS. "If we had treated his pneumonia, he may have lived a few months longer," says Dr. Diamond. She adds that had she been caring for Johnson, she might not have taken extraordinary steps to save him, because he was in the terminal stages of AIDS.

CDoC's Tip Kendall says he is not familiar with each individual case, but says he is willing to look into specific circumstances. He adds that the patient-to-doctor ratio inside the prison compares favorably with that of the outside world. "In some cases the care is better than outside. Medical standards are the same as community hospitals," says Kendall.

Such comparisons send Greenspan through the roof. "It has been shown through various studies that prisoners with AIDS die twice as fast [inside prison] as outside because of lack of medical care and competent staff." Miller responded to Kendall's claims, saying, "It is somewhat cynical to say prisoners are getting more care inside because it is worse on the streets. The prisoners are the wards of the state. The state has a responsibility to them."

PSYCHIATRIC DISCIPLINE

Next to medical care, the primary complaint of inmates with HIV is the treatment of prisoners with suspected HIV dementia and other psychiatric problems. According to ACT UP/SF, inmates who might have HIV dementia are placed in psychiatric detention rather than given treatment. The prisoners are demanding that HIV dementia and other psychiatric problems be treated as a medical and not a disciplinary problem.

Dr. Diamond asserts that care for inmates with HIV dementia is inadequate and that there is no HIV dementia program. She also asserts that HIV-positive psychiatric patients with mental disorders not related to dementia are also seriously underserved. "If you have a chronic serious psychiatric disorder and you are HIV negative, you will be housed on the outpatient psychiatric unit, which is staffed more intensively than other units," says Dr. Diamond. But "if you have HIV disease and a chronic major psychiatric illness and you are not totally [dysfunctional], you will be on the HIV unit, not the psychiatric unit. I feel that is discrimination."

In addition, critics charge that up until earlier this summer inmates with severe psychiatric problems lost their psychiatric treatments once their HIV-positive status came to the attention of prison authorities. Instead they were treated as strictly medical cases. One of *SF Bay Times*' anonymous sources charged that policy was a deliberate effort by prison authorities to avoid caring for HIV-positive inmates with pyschiatric disorders.

Kendall says he is not familiar with the situation around the loss of psychiatric privileges upon disclosing one's HIV status, and he denies that HIV-positive patients routinely receive disciplinary treatment for HIV dementia. Both he and Lt. Montez argue that any decision to discipline inmates is taken on a case-by-case basis.

CDoC REASSURANCES

When ACT UP/SF showed up on Oct. 1 outside the Vacaville prison to protest the state of AIDS treatment in CMF—after making sure that virtually all media in the Bay Area knew about the medical strike—CDoC public affairs officials determinedly put their best foot forward.

That day, Kendall confirmed the medical strike was still on, but said many of the original strikers had resumed their medications. Kendall says that prison authorities have held two meetings with the strikers. He says, "These [remaining strikers] are all inmates that are in general population. The fact they are not taking their medications is not considered life threatening. Their disease has not progressed to the point that it is considered life threatening."

Kendall, however, admitted to reporters that "currently, there are no AIDS specialists on staff—there are consultants." He added, though, that the CDoC has initiated a national recruiting/advertising campaign to hire AIDS specialists for CMF. Kendall also stressed that

CMF will soon receive $3 million in additional state funds for AIDS care, now that the budget has passed. That money will pay for 32 staff positions at a new HIV center in the prison, including three additional full-time AIDS physicians and five full-time psychiatrists.

Dr. Diamond agrees with Kendall that hiring competent physicians is a major problem. "You try recruiting an AIDS doctor. You find us an AIDS doctor that is willing to work at a prison salary, and I guarantee the CDoC would lay the red carpet before them."

Ex-inmate Wilson is grateful that CMF acknowledges the need for new clinicians, but points out that the prison is still not addressing the medical strikers' concerns; "We have a short-term problem: that is, immediate medical care for these fellows." Wilson also took issue with Kendall's characterization of the medical strikers as being in no immediate danger. Wilson stressed that prisoners with HIV refusing prophylaxis are only a step away from a potentially fatal opportunistic infection.

BIRTH OF A CRISIS

The genesis of the crisis was sown in March 1992, with the resignations of Dr. German Maisonet and Dr. Jessica Clarke, who had developed a pioneering HIV program at CMF. Under Drs. Maisonet and Clark, AIDS medical care at CMF had, by all accounts, improved markedly: patients were seen regularly, diagnosed promptly and treated appropriately.

Now, Wilson says, "The quality of the people providing care has dropped dramatically since Maisonet and Clark left." He argues the problem is not getting the correct treatment, but rather getting diagnosed in the first place. The new doctors, having less HIV experience, miss some HIV-specific diagnosis, argues Wilson.

Dr. Maisonet quit out of frustration because the prison never developed a long-term plan to deal with AIDS. "You cannot wait with HIV. You have to have a five-year plan. If you do not, you are always working from a position of crisis management, which is ineffective," says Dr. Maisonet. He looks back to his decision to resign, saying, "I saw the numbers coming where I would not be able to meet their needs. I either had to start practicing medicine in a way that I don't feel comfortable [doing], or I had to leave."

Dr. Jessica Clarke was more specific. "There were too many patients and not enough resources. We could not even give basic adequate care. We complained bitterly about that for two-and-a-half years. We got more and more patients and fewer and fewer resources... We could not do it anymore." Clark says the prison is making plans to care for 500 prisoners with AIDS, even though studies from 1988 indicated the total number of prisoners with AIDS in the penal system is in the thousands.

Security needs versus medical needs is another burning issue at CMF. One well-placed source argued, "The problem is that custody has too much influence and medical too little." Another individual familiar with medical issues at Vacaville says the primacy of security has serious health implications. When prison officials increase the number of inmates per cell, that means the likelihood of TB and hepatitis B transmission increases. That source warns, if doctors "passively leave things in the hands of custody, there will be adverse [health] consequences."

The August 1992 appointment of Warden George Ingle further tipped the balance of power against medical care. Ingle is a security specialist with a good reputation in prison operations. But he has little experience in health care issues, according to ACT UP/SF, which lobbied against his appointment. Michael Haggerty, released from CMF in March, says inmates told him the tone of the prison changed after Ingle's appointment: "There began to be a deterioration in the support of [AIDS] services and a feeling among guards ... [that] security would reign supreme."

The prison hired three new doctors to replace Maisonet and Clark: Dr. William Estrin, whose specialty is allegedly pediatric neurology, Dr. Belen Ezaz and Dr. Paul Foster. None had extensive experience with HIV. And according to those who spoke to *SF Bay Times*, niether Dr. Ezaz or Dr. Estrin inspire much faith among inmates. Wilson says simply, "The doctors are not up to the task."

Haggerty says, Dr. Ezaz "is not trained, not responsive and does not give quality care." The inmates are so unhappy with Dr. Ezaz that one of their primary demands is that she be removed and be replaced by Dr. Foster. Sources at CMF say Dr. Estrin is trying, but say his knowledge of HIV is limited. Wilson says Dr. Estrin "told any number of inmates, including me, that there would be a cure for AIDS in Vacaville in September." Says Wilson, "Irresponsible is the kindest way of describing that!" Kendall and Lt. Rita Montez, the CMF public affairs officer, appeared surprised by the allegation.

CMF now has only two doctors serving over 300 HIV-positive inmates, because Dr. Foster is absent due to an administrative leave or suspension. One of the insiders familiar with the situation says, "There was a period when the HIV-positive patients got significantly better health care than the rest of the patients. Now it has degenerated to the same mess that prison care had been in for a decade."

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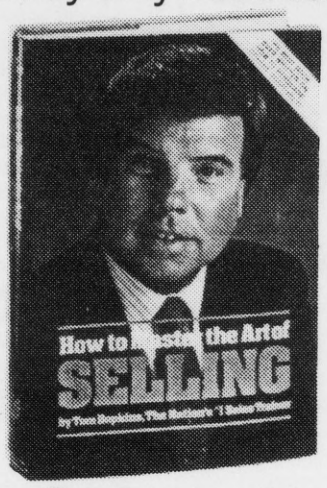

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GOP Attacks, Gays Fight Back

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

It's no surprise that a conservative "Christian" group is employing a pro-Bush/Quayle TV ad that attacks Bill Clinton for his support of gays and lesbians.

And it's equally no surprise that queers recognize there is a lot at stake in an election that has wrought anti-gay initiatives in Oregon and Denver, as well as an increase in gay-bashing rhetoric from the Republican Party. They're busy in many cities, especially San Francisco, registering voters and lobbying gays/lesbians/bisexuals for their support of progressive causes and candidates.

The "Christian" ad, which shows footage of leather-clad men in a New York gay pride parade, features a voice-over that accuses Democratic presidential hopeful Bill Clinton of supporting "job quotas for homosexuals, giving homosexuals special civil rights, allowing homosexuals in the armed forces."

In reality, Clinton has never come out in favor of job quotas, but does support gay rights measures and an executive order against the military's policy of excluding gays/lesbians/bisexuals.

The Christian Action Network's 30-second ad, "Bill Clinton's Vision for America," has aired on independent stations in Washington, D.C., Houston, Seattle, San Diego, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles. Many broadcasters are refusing to run the ad, including six local New York TV stations.

The united chapters of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), a media watchdog group, have condemned the ad and written the Bush/Quayle campaign to ask officials to refute it. "This is a case of another fundamentalist group telling lies to further their agenda of hate," says Cathy Renna, spokesperson for GLAAD's National Capital Area Chapter.

GAYS FIGHT BACK

In San Francisco, as in other parts of the nation, the queer Democratic community is organizing to defeat George Bush. Almost every day in the Castro, Clinton/Gore tables are staffed by volunteers who ask passersby if they are registered to vote.

Robert Barnes, a gay political activitist who runs the Clinton/Gore campaign here in San Francisco, says that his organization is "doing voter registration." According to Barnes, who is also president of the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, San Francisco has witnessed "unprecedented registration."

"There's been more people registered in three months than in any other equivalent period in history," says Barnes.

While voter registration is happening at 60 sites throughout San Francisco, the Clinton/Gore tables at 18th and Castro, the heart of the country's most renowned queer ghetto, "is one of the biggest sites in terms of voter registration and sale of merchandise. It's one of the top income producers for the campaign."

Barnes predicts that 90 percent of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community's voters will go for Clinton/Gore in November. "Our goal is to get a 75 percent turnout," he says. "If we do, it'll be the biggest turnout in the history of San Francisco."

As for the Christian Network ad, Barnes says he doesn't know what the "official" party response is, but personally he feels it demonstrates the desperation of the GOP.

"They're so far behind in the polls they'll try any issue," he says. "But I don't think anything will save them."

Bryant Kong can also be seen weekly at 18th and Castro, trying to mobilize the queer vote. But Kong doesn't push for the Democratic presidential candidate, while urging folks not to vote for Bush. He doesn't see Clinton as a progressive, but rather as a "yuppie, pro-business, white moderate." Kong's an out gay member of California's growing Green Party.

"4 more months! Bush and Quayle belong in jail!" A broad range af people showed up to protest Quayle's Oct. 5 Chinatown fundraiser in SF. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

"Since we're not running a lot of candidates," says Kong, "we're working for other progressive campaigns." These include Cleve Jones' run for Board of Supervisors, and Angie Fa's bid for the School Board. Jones is founder of the Names Project and Fa is president of the Harvey Milk Progressive Democratic Club.

The Greens are also supporting Tim Wolfred for Community College Board, a position he has held for twelve years. But as for the presidential race, Kong says that people know who to vote against. "We're urging people not to vote for Bush," he says.

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CITY TO FORK OVER $225,000 IN CASTRO SWEEP CASE

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

For Bryndis Tobin, a plantiff in the "Castro Sweep" case, the City's recent $225,000 settlement, announced at a press conference on Oct 5, is not enough.

But it makes Tobin feel good that part of the settlement money will go to three AIDS organizations whose held-up city funds were at issue during the Oct. 6, 1989, demonstration that turned into what many describe as a police riot.

Along the entire route of the ACT UP/San Francisco demo, part of a national day of protests by ACT UP groups throughout the country, police harassed and used force on demonstrators. But when the march arrived at the Castro and demonstrators staged a sit-in, all hell broke loose.

The result: a major lawsuit originally involving 29 complainants, as well as other individual suits against the city; then-Police Chief Frank Jordan (who still claims he knew nothing about what was happening in the Castro at the time); and the police department. There were also several complaints filed with the police review board, the Office of Citizen Complaints (OCC). One of these has been settled, another is pending. Two others are in limbo.

The $225,000 settlement was for the major lawsuit, which at the time the City agreed to settle included only 18 of the plaintiffs. The reason? According to attorney Dennis Cunningham, some died, some dropped out and some had their claims tossed out.

Tobin will never forget the moment that the violence erupted in the Castro. Her right hand, clubbed by Events Commander Richard Cairns, will never be the same. Arrested, she received no medical treatment until the next day, causing a condition known as carpal tunnel syndrome to set in. As a result, to this day she can't sustain repetitive action such as typing or playing the guitar.

"I can't do my own hair. It's very painful," she says.

Tobin speaks passionately of the scene that evening in October. She remembers Cairns "clearing a circle" in the street with his club; protester Michael Barnette screaming after being hit in the face by the same officer; protesters clubbed as they tried to get to Barnette to help him. Barnette's separate case was also recently settled by the City in July for $15,000.

"There was blood splattering, people screaming—it was terrifying," she recalls now, hours after the press conference at City Hall announced a settlement with the City.

After breaking up the sit-in, police declared the Castro an unlawful assembly area, arrested people on the streets and detained many others in businesses and homes. "It was a military occupation," says Tobin.

While she finds the settlement "completely inadequate," Tobin is relieved that she will not have to face what many predicted would be a four- or five-month, high-media-visibility trial. As it is now, she might cover her medical expenses with her share of the settlement money. "It would've been good to have something for the pain and suffering," she says.

The settlement is simple: the City writes a check for $225,000; the plaintiffs turn $75,000 of that over to three AIDS groups: the Black Coalition on AIDS, AIDS Housing Project and Prevention Point Needle Exchange; the rest goes to lawyers and plantiffs. Tobin hasn't "done the math" on what her share will be.

As for Cairns, he was recently found guilty of assault and wrongful arrest by the Police Commission and suspended from the force for 45 days. His suspension over, he was then made captain of the Taraval station in the Sunset area. The commission is expected to issue its findings on another three officers later this month. Two other cases are still with the OCC at present.

Activist Gerard Koskovich, a member of Bad Cop/No Donut, the group that formed in the wake of the Castro Sweep, isn't optimistic about justice being done in any of the cases filed with the OCC as a result of the Oct. 6 demo.

Bad Cop—which describes itself as an independent, nonviolent, direct action group working to end police abuse—held a rally in the Castro on Oct. 3 to assert its claim to the streets of the country's most notorious queer ghetto and to call for real penalties against the three cops currently awaiting the commission's decision.

The problem, Koskovich says, is the disciplinary process itself. It's "byzantine" at best. A citizen makes a complaint to the Office of Citizen Complaints (OCC); if that office feels it's justified, it sends it to the police chief, who reviews it and, if he feels it's legitimate, sends it along to the Police Commission.

If the police chief rejects the complaint, it can go back to the OCC, which can send it directly to the commission; however, if the Police Commission rejects it, the case is dead.

Given its handling of the Oct. 6 cases, Koskovich describes the disciplinary process as "a bad joke on the public." He feels people shouldn't bother with the process; they should just sue the city. "All San Franciscans," he says, "should be concerned about the fact that as long as you have a disciplinary process that doesn't hold officers accountable," people have no alternative but to file a suit and drain the city's financial resources.

"First the cops kicked our asses, then the disciplinary system kicked our asses," he quips.

PLANTIFFS GET A PITTANCE

Cunningham, along with Rachel Lederman, who could not be reached for comment, has been representing the complainants in the recently settled case for three years now. He says that the city and the plantiffs "were far apart until the end." Settlement came in the midst of jury selection, a process Cunningham expected to take a long time.

"We demanded $300,000," Cunningham says. "It got as low as $250,000. We didn't think anything less made a strong enough statement. But it was going to be hard to put on a case. We didn't have any money."

Does Cunningham feel the settlement is a victory? "More like a tie," he says. "The plantiffs are getting a pittance."

Plantiff Ray Russ, AKA Barbie Jesus, also feels the settlement is not sufficient. "It's not enough, it hasn't been enough and it will continue to not be enough," he says.

According to Russ, "What the police were not able to do that night in the Castro—beating people's mouths shut—the government was able to do by prolonging this thing."

Russ, who was arrested when he tried to drown out Cairn's dispersal order with his bullhorn, yelling "Boring" over and over again as loudly as he could, feels the settlement is a "bittersweet victory."

Like Tobin, he hopes the settlement will send a message across the country that when people gather to voice their concerns about government, "they'll think twice about sending their dogs" to silence them.

But for Russ, the reality is that three years later, even though 18 plantiffs will receive money, four are dead. "They were figuratively and literally screaming for their lives" on Oct. 6, 1989, he says.

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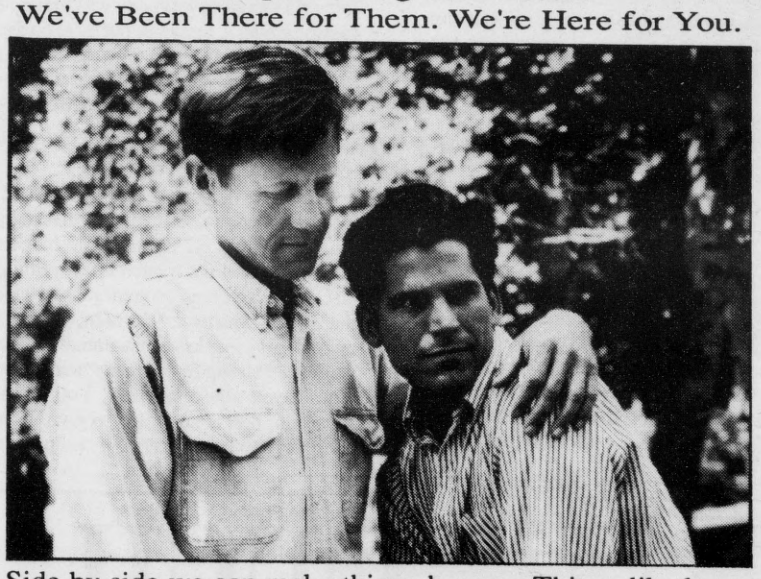

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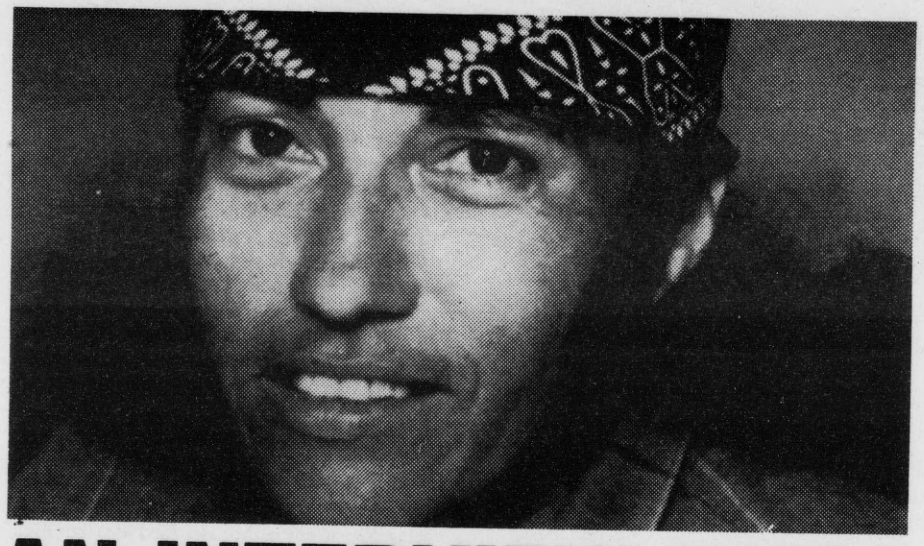

AN INTERVIEW WITH NORMA JEAN CROY

By Jacqueline Elizabeth Letalien

Norma Jean Croy, a lesbian Shasta Indian, has been unjustly imprisoned. Her brother, Patrick "Hooty" Croy, some cousins and she were chased down by 27 police officers and shot at for no other crime than for being Shasta Indians. Hooty was convicted of killing a police officer who had been drinking and shot Hooty twice in the back; Hooty was sentenced to death. Norma Jean was convicted of conspiracy, though she didn't shoot the gun or touch it; she was sentenced to life. At Hooty's retrial, the jury found him not guilty of the murder charge because police abuse and racism led to the situation that resulted in the police officer's death and Hooty's panicked self defense. Hooty is free; Norma Jean is still in jail.

Last June, Norma Jean's attorneys, Diana Samuelson and James S. Thompson, filed a petition for habeas corpus with the California Supreme Court. On Thursday, Sept. 17, the Court voted unanimously, without explanation, to deny that petition.

Norma Jean Croy's attorneys had claimed that the new evidence from Hooty's retrial and the grounds for reversal (racism, self defense, no robbery, no conspiracy) should apply to her case. They also contended that her previous lawyer's defense fell below acceptable standards.

At Norma Jean's first trial, according to her new lawyers, evidence was either not discovered or not used in defense. It was not discussed that Hooty was shot at; the police officer who shot him had been drinking and was using a 357 magnum with impaired judgment. Norma Jean's lawyers in her original trial made a tactical decision not to use police conduct in defense because it might anger the jury.

The next step in Norma Jean's appeal process is to go to the federal courts.

I met with her at the California state women's prison in Chowchilla right before the California Supreme Court announced its decision on her appeal. Prison is prison: it's what we imagine it to be, and yet, it's unimaginable. There are guards, guns, keys, locks, gates, guard towers, and lots of rules and fences. The inmates are locked in; so are most of the guards, since they don't have keys. The environment is mundane, yet otherwordly; a college campus without the freedom. It's hard to breathe. I'm reminded of the ways the free world isn't free; that we're watched, subjected to rules, locked in—and locked out.

After 14 years, Norma Jean's heart still beats strongly. Her attorneys have said she can't talk directly about her case while it is on appeal. Still, Norma Jean is tough, smart, funny, direct, shy, profound, plain-talking, compassionate. (She says to me, "You seem nervous, relax." I say, "I am nervous—this is the first time I've been to a prison." She says, "Aw, it ain't so bad.")

The hardest part of going to the prison was having to leave her there.

(SF Bay Times) What's it like growing up in Yreka?

(Norma Jean Croy) It's real country. Mainly the only races that are there are just Indians and whites. So you really get to learn about racism.

Like what?

It's like the way you're dressed. "Well look at this; look at what this fuckin' Indian's got on. Here, let's put some dirt on it; oh, did we get you dirty?" You hear little comments about "Here come the Indians." And the stories you hear as a kid, and then you get older and you still hear 'em: "The only good Indian's a dead Indian."

Don't get me wrong. I had a lot of white friends. Well, society calls 'em white. Me, I don't call 'em any color, cuz there ain't no color. I didn't know there was any other race besides Indians. I figured if you was light, you were still an Indian. I thought everybody was Indian. But see, I learned to have prejudice out there on the streets, not at home. Not to judge 'em all by the color of their skin. You could be wrong cuz some is more red on the inside than what they are on the outside.

What do you value about who you are and your experience as Indian?

Years ago, do you remember they used to have hippies? Well, basically that's what an Indian is. An Indian lives off the earth, in harmony with nature. Indians are related to everything, like a circle; what comes around goes around. Give thanks for whatever you take; if you kill any animal, give thanks to that animal. You pray for guidance, strength, harmony with everything. You never abuse nothin'. You cannot give somethin' that is not yours to give. If you have company, your house is your company's house. You give like you would want in return. Somebody needs the clothes off your back, give it to 'em. It will be returned to you, like one big circle.

Do you see any way we can get back to our connection with the earth?

Quit takin' so much and start givin' somethin' back to the earth. That's what's destroying us. We're too busy strippin' the land of all of its minerals because it's worth somethin'. What you take you also *have* to give back. Like most farmers, they know you cannot keep plantin' the same thing over and over again.

A lot of people feel that the more property they have, the more money they have—the more power they have. That makes 'em somebody. If you take their property away from them, they're nothin'. You cannot buy power. You can't take it with you when you go. All you can take with you is what you got on your back and the knowledge that you have.

Do you feel like you have a community here?

Sometimes. We're gettin' our Indian sweat lodge together, tryin' to get it together. We've already got it fenced in.

What keeps you goin' day to day?

Goin' to auto mechanics, workin' on cars. One day I will be outta here.

I will be out. It might take a while. I'll get out through the courts, not through the parole board. The board'll keep denyin' me. The courts will, once they see, but it's like who's goin' to stand up there and say, "Oops, sent somebody to prison that shouldn't have been in prison"? You got me in prison for somethin' I didn't do. Sooner or later somebody's gonna see it, and they're gonna send me off.

I've been readin' about your case in terms of the way the bureaucracy goes; it doesn't make any sense. The courts don't talk to the parole boards; the courts don't even talk to each other about two people who were involved in the same incident. Hooty had to go through his thing, and you have to go through your thing. They don't talk to each other.

No. As one of the parole board members said, "I don't care if she's innocent or not. The court said she was guilty. That's all I care about; I don't care about nothing else."

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Yeah, a lot of people that's in here said they would have never believed that prison was like this until they've been here. It's nothin' like you see on TV; that's to juice it up. They come here with two years and end up doin' five. They like it here; it's better than home. For some it is home, cuz they ain't got nothin' at home. Society's harder than what this is; that's why a lot of women come back. It's easy here. You got your whole life planned out for ya. You're told when to get up, when to go to bed, when you can eat, when you can't. Out there you got too many responsibilities.

But you've got a lot of head trips in here you play with. What's legal out on the streets, is not legal in here. You take it day by day and go on about your business. You survive in here any way you can. Some don't make it, but there's nothing you can do. You think society is a head trip? You could lose your mind in here if you're not careful.

How do you keep your mind?

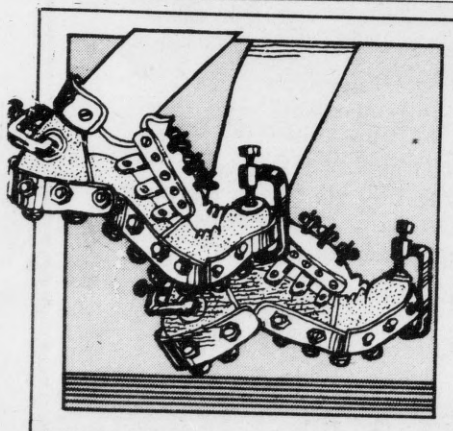
You don't think about it. You do the time; you don't let the time do you. I try to do time as peaceful as possible. There's really nowhere to get away from anybody. In our living quarters we try to give one another that little bit of space that there is to give. You have no other privacy.

You have no rights. You are a number and that's all. If you get to tellin' that you still have rights, you're still a human being, then that makes you a troublemaker. They've got a place for you. You have to do lockdown. They got rules they have to go by. If you want to be stripped of everything you got out there in the free world, come in where I'm at. You will have it all taken.

Then there's the other free world people in here; they care about what's goin' on. They help any way they can. Most of the people who work here are very Christian people; they're religious. They try to help.

Do you feel any connection with your own sense of spirituality?

Only when I get with the other sisters here and we all get together. Of course there's people that's



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curious about it; they want to learn more. It's open to everybody. Any color can come, but when you come to the sweat lodge, know that this is our church, so-called. You're walkin' on sacred grounds. Do not disrespect it and everything's okay. Most of the women here, they really want to learn more about it. So they're respectful. They ask questions how it really is. Church is a church; just mine is outdoors, yours is indoors.

Just come to a sweat, it's lots of fun. You're in the dark and you're sweating. You're cleansing yourself; the more you sweat, the more you cleanse yourself. There might be four or five in the circle, but it's just you and your maker communicating. It's hot, hotter than you can stand. But you come out, feel good, relieved. It's like a good cry, except you sweat and sometimes you end up cryin', but to make peace with yourself.

Anything can happen, but everything happens for a reason. It's gonna be a little bit difficult for you to get out. We're gonna see how much society really cares for their fellow person. Cuz, see, society's waking up to what they think is right. The wool's been pulled over their eyes, and now they're taking that wool off and saying, "No, I'm really seeing what is." It takes someone to fall for society to see. Society's asking for a change.

Who do you think's going to win?

Not the dark side. The more people who take the wool off their eyes, the more power there is. You've got more power in numbers than as individuals. Everybody's gettin' together more; there'll be a big change. People might get back to the earth.

One thing that's forcin' people to take a look is a lot of people are gettin' real close to or slippin' underneath the survival line.

California's gonna be nothin' but prisons. The more people you lock up, the more money you're makin'. You're lockin' up people who are telling you, "No, you can't do this."

But there's a difference between an outlaw and a criminal?

In their eyes, no; there is no difference, they're both the same. And in some ways there is. It depends on how you go about doing it: you can do it peaceful like or you can do it violently.

The idea of controlling people's lives is creeping more into our daily life.

"It's time to get up, everybody, it's time to go to bed now." Society's getting to where they don't think. Machines do the thinking for society. Computer age. If your seatbelt is not hooked, the car will not start.

*I call them fascist cars cuz you can't do anything until you follow all the rules, [*mutual laughter*] all the steps, do them right and then you have permission to drive* your *car.*

Seat belts save lives.

But it's still a person's choice, isn't it?

Used to be, it ain't anymore. But that's what's wanted in society, control; people have to obey the rules.

Do we have to control like that, though?

I don't think so, but then I'm locked up. "You're a troublemaker; we've got a place for you." Just for speakin' your mind. Sometimes my way makes me sound real bitter. It makes people back up: "too straightforward; be more subtle about it."

It's called bein' real.

There's hardly anything real anymore. Like buyin' shoes—if you're not gonna try on shoes, why'd you buy them? "Cuz it looks good." I don't care if it looks good or not. I'm not here to impress anybody; I want a little bit of comfort.

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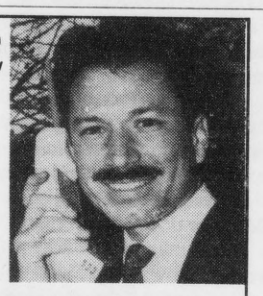

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Mother Knows Best

Nothing can reduce a healthy adult to a sniveling, defensive child like the announcement that mother is coming for a visit! In my mother's case, the headline would read: "Return of the Dowager Empress, Queen of Sarcasm." I know some of you thought I held that title, but you were so wrong. I concede the crown to the undisputed titleholder, my mother. Don't be deceived by that charm, that grace, those distinguished white hairs. Just hope this woman doesn't read you.

Mothers in general can remove all confidence you may have as an adult with just a knowing look, a scowl, a gesture, a comment. This woman can recall that when I was four, I wanted (and got) a toy gun. Or she might recall that upon discovering who Santa Claus really was, I confided to a friend that I was not going to tell anybody I knew the truth until I was 30! These disabling truths come forth regularly and painfully, like steam from Old Faithful, but without warmth or warning. Little vignettes which make you the source of endless amusement among friends and strangers.

And what can I say? She is one of a shrinking list of people I would trust alone in my house. This is the woman who set my standards of behavior—until I was old enough to correct them. She nurtured and sustained me through childhood. She approved and disapproved; struggled and succeeded in sustaining a one-parent family after her husband died. She made mistakes. But she kept her dignity and was always a lady and a pillar of the community.

It wasn't easy to be a professional Black woman back in the '50s in the suburbs of Chicago. Back then, the only work for her in the community where Eisenhower used to play golf was ironing clothes, baking pastries, and cleaning the houses of more fortunate white women. And although she eventually achieved professional recognition, what a price she had to pay. I can remember her coming home from shopping one day. The taxi driver asked her where he could go to have a good time. I felt like a man for the first time as I assailed the cab company with a vengeance they may still not have forgotten. But that was long ago, and this is now. She is 68 and possibly more cantankerous than me. We don't always agree, but she has earned my respect.

I thought: Should I take down my erotic art? Should I hide my porno mags and tapes? Of course not! This woman knows all and sees all! I'm lost! Then the panic subsided. I thought: She's flying into Fresno to look at a college for my niece. They were only planning on staying three days. Maybe she won't have time to come inspect my house and count the dust balls under my bed. Where the hell is Fresno, anyway? Oh my God! It's all the way over there, three-plus hours' drive from the edge of civilization...Good! A plan of action began to take form. I would go to Fresno and spend some time there. It means my apartment won't have to pass the white glove test after all! Then another thought occurred to me: What is there to do in Fresno, the raisin capital of the world? Hmmm, dried fruit. Charming. I asked everyone who I thought might know what there was to do in Fresno. All three of them suggested going to restaurants a lot. The woman at AAA laughed at me. In my desperation, I discovered Sequoia National Park on the map. Yes! A scenic drive through the giant sequoias. What a lovely, ecologically correct thing to do. And I can show her pictures of my apartment and my view that don't have men in them that will require explanations.

GETTING READY FOR FRESNO

What should I wear? After all, my niece is the star attraction. Let's see—no leather, no sequins, no bold prints or patterns which go where no man has gone before. I decided on summer white linen to compliment the unrelenting heat, and bug spray to discourage flies and mosquitoes. I figured Paco Rabanne would be wasted on Fresno, anyway. Then I thought: What the hell, I'll wear those print athletic baggies so I'll be comfortable on that over-three-hour drive down. When I arrived at the Fresno Marriott, one little blue-haired lady said: "Welcome to Fresno!" I said: "Thank you. But what makes you so sure I am not from Fresno?"

"Oh, we all look pretty much alike here," she chirped as she looked at my purple, turquoise and yellow athletic pants.

I looked at my car. It was covered in dust and bug juice. Cars really are bodily appendages we display outside of our pants. Mine is a big, brown Cadillac. I had it detailed the day before my pilgrimage to the heartland. It was a vision to behold before it drove through the musty, dusty, bug-choked farmland. Arriving at the Marriott was like arriving for high tea with dirty fingernails.

"I thought that was your car out front," my mother observed. "I'll see you after you've checked in."

My God! My room was next to my mother's! If I wanted to pinch a man's ass, how could I with my mother next door? I recalled fondly a man I had snuck into my room when I was a teenager. We used Noxema as a lubricant to avoid a noisy exit from my room in search of a more convenient lubricant. How can a cream so cool and soothing on your face, set fire to ...ah, well. The man was appropriately Greek, and didn't speak English very well. He started making the most surprising, cow-like moans in his distress—until I covered his mouth.

"Thom, is that you? Are you all right?" Her room was next to mine then, too.

Early Saturday morning, there was a familiar knock on my door. It was precisely 8:30, and my mother was giving us some serious Chanel. Navy blazer, off-white pants and red accessories. Not one hair was out of place. I don't know how she and Nancy Reagan do it.

"It's almost time to leave. I'll be riding with you, dear." All went well at breakfast until my mother noticed a small bag belonging to one of the male coaches. "What's that? Your purse?" she jested with glee. "Yes," the coach said with a straight face. Then: "Thom, perhaps you would like one, too?" How quickly the tide turns, I thought. "No, thank you. But if I do decide I want a purse, I know who to ask. I must say, I don't think I could ever accessorize with polyester as well as you do," I retorted with my most patronizing smile.

My poor niece looked as if someone had just sucked the oxygen out of the air. Perhaps she'll learn at college: Shit happens to big girls. The group divided after breakfast. My mother and I were off to Sequoia and King Canyon National Park. I was determined to regain my adult composure through the art of conversation. After another boring drive through farmland, we began to ascend the mountain, and the age-old battle of the child to be heard resumed once more.

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"Is that it? Well, that's nice, dear. Now let's get back to the hotel so that we can change. I'm taking you to dinner. My treat."

"Yes, mommy."

That brief encounter of the maternal kind was like a '60s time warp. Everybody was friendly in Fresno. Everybody looked healthy and focused—and I gained a healthy respect for Fresnoites. I didn't hear anybody complain. I didn't see any graffiti or homeless. I didn't smell any urine on the sidewalks. I didn't feel invisible because I am big or Black. And what the restaurants lacked in sophistication, they made up for in old-fashioned service with a smile.

For those of you with more prurient interests, I noticed one of my niece's female teachers is rather butch, in a lesbionic sort of way. And some of the blue-collar men—gas station attendants, waiters—were trade waiting to be worked. One very healthy, bubble-butted waiter bent over by the table where my mother and I were having dinner. I could feel myself growing light-headed. It still makes my tongue hard just thinking about it! The attractive men in Fresno look healthy and hot without being pretentious or self-conscious about it, a refreshing change from some in San Francisco. Fresno has lots of bicycle and skateboard jocks zooming around campus. And everyone I saw in this non-gay context was genuinely friendly.

It must be all those raisins.

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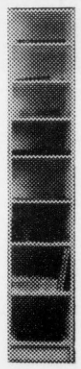

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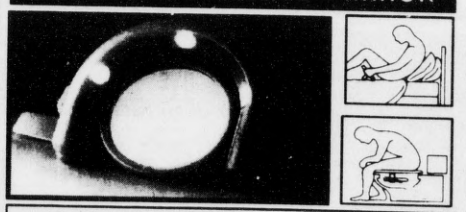

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Gay Activist Runs for KQED Board

SAN FRANCISCO - Longtime gay, labor and peace activist Howard Wallace is concerned about public television in the Bay Area. That's why he's running for the board of KQED (channel 9), the local Public Broadcast System affiliate. The election is happening all month via ballots sent to KQED members.

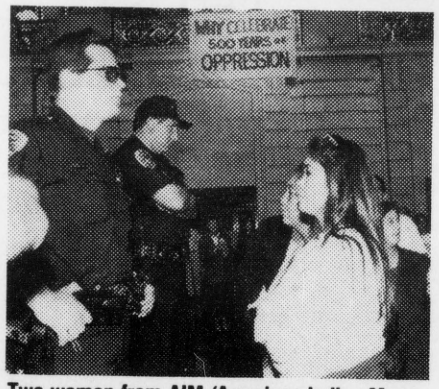
Wallace told *SF Bay Times* that one reason he's in the race is because KQED hasn't lived up to its original purpose: to be "a real alternative" to commercial television. "The lesbian and gay community is a gigantic proportion of the Bay Area," says Wallace. "This viewership has not been served."

Indeed, in his official candidate's statement, Wallace says that while the station has "improved" its lesbian/gay coverage, "much of it has been minimal, outdated and late at night, often preceded by prejudicial 'warnings.' "

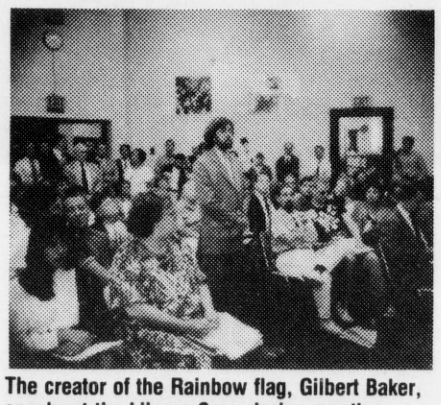
Wallace says that as the center of social change, San Francisco offers KQED the opportunity to present excellent local programming. "We deny the vitality of our own Bay Area," he says. "The Bay Area is the center for things that become national trends."

Wallace, who came out in 1971, has been involved in countless queer campaigns, including those against Anita Bryant, and the Briggs Initiative in the late '70s. He also helped start the Coors Boycott in 1975, along with Harvey Milk. A coalition builder, Wallace was the first gay man to come out in the labor movement.

KQED members should call the station for their ballots. Wallace says he'd like to know if there are any irregularities in the balloting process. Call him at (415) 441-2500.



Two women from AIM (American Indian Movement) stare down police protecting "Queen Isabella" 1992. Demonstrators decried honoring the monarch who funded Columbus' genocidal exploits, launched the Inquisition, and cast the Jews out of Spain. Why celebrate 500 years of oppression? Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland



The creator of the Rainbow flag, Gilbert Baker, speaks at the Library Commission meeting, fighting to maintain the flag's position over the Harvey Milk Library. Photo by Rink

Columbus Go Home

SAN FRANCISCO - For many in the Bay Area, October 1992 is a time not to celebrate the arrival of a Genoese sailor to the shores of America, but to say "Columbus Go Home." A broad-based coalition has been organizing educational, celebratory and protest events to inform the world that Columbus' "invasion" of the continent meant death to its indigenous peoples.

Many events are still being planned, including an Oct. 11 massive demonstration/civil disobedience and march/rally to protest the reenactment of Columbus' landing. The demo at Aquatic Park starts at 9 am.

On Oct. 12, Columbus Day, events include a Sunrise Tobacco Ceremony on Alcatraz Island, an International Day of Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples concert in Crissy Field, the Presidio, and a press conference at Sproul Plaza, UC Berkeley. On Oct. 13, Bay Area folks are being urged not to participate in any "dominant culture" activities, such as shopping, driving and watching TV.

The month of activities culminates with a hearing on hate crimes at the First Congressional Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison St., 9 am-6 pm, sponsored by United Against Genocide 1992.

A Columbus Day celebration at City Hall on Oct. 2 was disrupted by protesters who held banners with slogans such as "No Columbus Day! No Hitler Day!" Angry words were exchanged among demonstrators, including queers and Native Americans, and Italian Americans who had gathered for the annual event. Supervisor Angela Alioto, a Sicilian American who is often on the side of protesters, tried to play both sides of the fence. But, according to an account in the *SF Examiner*, she became impatient with protesters and muttered something in Italian. The paper didn't say what that was.

For more information on anti-Columbus activities, call (415) 552-1992.

Wilson Axes Needle Exchange

SAN FRANCISCO - Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg says that Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of AB 2525, the measure legalizing the city's needle-exchange program, "runs counter to his responsibility to uphold the general health and welfare."

Hundreds of gay men and lesbians had a wonderful day Sept. 26 at the water theme park Raging Waters in San Jose. 3 Snaps up put on the event, and many are looking forward to attending next year. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

As a result, she says, "I have no choice but to believe that Wilson's veto of this measure is yet another expedient political move."

Wilson vetoed the measure at the same time that he signed a watered-down gay rights bill that protects gays/lesbians/bisexuals only in employment. Says Achtenberg of the needle bill veto: "San Francisco's rate of new HIV infection is lower than most other large cities, due to the hard work of our City's underground needle exchange program, Prevention Point." A protest rally was held on Oct. 8 on the north steps of the capitol building in Sacramento.

No Hearing Yet on BofA Resolution

SAN FRANCISCO - The resolution by Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg to divest $6 million of the city's money in Bank of America because of its funding of the anti-gay Boy Scouts of America is still awaiting hearings before the Board of Supervisor's Finance Committee.

Bank of America originally stopped funding the Scouts because of their policy of excluding gay men from their ranks. But a recent release from the corporation says that after discussion with national Scout leaders it is satisfied that the organization is open to all boys who follow its oath and code. But intrinsic to that oath and code, according to a national Scout spokesperson, is the idea that homosexuality is incompatible with Scouting.

Achtenberg's office told *SF Bay Times* that the resolution will be considered after the city's budget is passed. Since that is expected any day now, the hearing could be scheduled in October. Meantime, "Everything's on hold," says the supe's office.

Oregon Hate Campaign I: Former Homos Against Gays

PORTLAND - The entire congressional delegation of the state of Oregon is now on record against Measure 9, which prohibits the state from "promoting" homosexuality and nixes any exisiting gay rights law. Rep. Bob Smith (R-Burns) joined the rest of the delegation on Oct. 4 by declaring in a one-page statement that after reading the proposed initiative from the ultra-conservative Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), "I will cast my ballot in opposition to the measure."

Now the man behind the OCA who wrote that initiative is saying he's "not looking down at anyone." Lon Mabon also says that his organiza-

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tion has "former homosexuals" in it.

"We're going to be a multimillion-dollar operation, budget-wise, by the end of the year," Mabon told AP. He says he became interested in politics after Ronald Reagan attained the White House. The former drifter who admits to smoking pot and having no sense of purpose after returning from Vietnam in the late '60s, says that Reagan's election gave him "a little hope that the people of America wanted traditional values."

Meanwhile, gays and lesbians in Oregon are still feeling the effects of this tolerant man's proposed initiative. Scott Siebert, one of the leaders in the queer community in Eugene, found a rock through his front door with a note containing threats and obscenities. This after his home was already burglarized. Supporters of the anti-Measure 9 effort in Springfield have found pink triangles painted on or near their homes.

Oregon Hate II: Black Lesbian Killed

SALEM - Two of four people accused of firebombing a home in this town in Oregon in which a Black lesbian and a gay white man were killed have been linked to the Skinheads, a white supremacist group that includes queers among its targets.

Hattie Mae Cohen's nephew said that his aunt died because she was Black and a lesbian. "She was a real nice lady," he told a crowd of 200 who gathered for a memorial service.

"We blame the OCA (Oregon Citizens Alliance) for fanning the flames of hate in this state and creating an atmosphere where bigotry can fester and kill innocent people," said Ariel Waterwoman, editor of *Just Out*, a Portland queer publication. OCA spokesperson Scott Lively said that the skinheads are doing things independent of his group's campaign.

Oregon Hate III: Ad Heats Up Debate

PORTLAND - The folks opposed to an anti-gay measure in Oregon are fighting back with a TV ad that portrays right-wingers promoting the effort as taking away "citzens' rights."

The 30-second ad says that if Measure 9 passes, the state will be in a position to discriminate, but it fails to mention against whom it will discriminate—gays and lesbians. That's because, according to organizer Peggy Norman, director of the No on 9 Campaign, "This measure is really not about gay and lesbian rights. This is a measure about Oregon and which direction we will go."

The ad shows a pair of scissors cutting the Bill of Rights and hands nixing "equality" and "freedom of speech" for "state must discriminate."

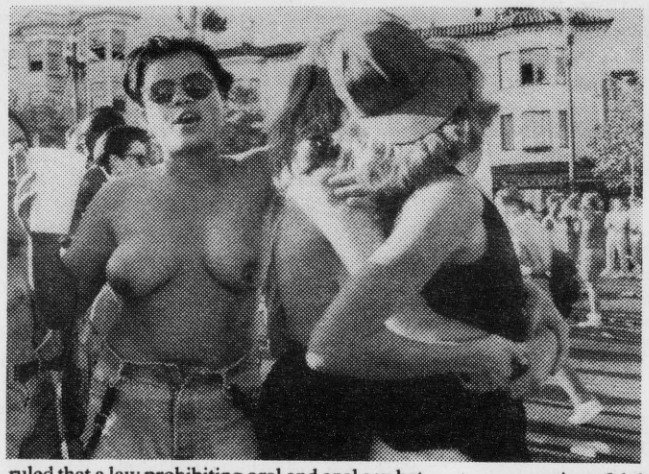
Meanwhile, the Rev. Jesse Jackson denounced Measure 9 in a speech before 1,000 people at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Northeast Portland. He described it as "dangerous."

No Ass-Fucking in Kentucky

FRANKFORT - Republican State Rep. John Harper wants to outlaw all ass-fucking except for married couples, in an effort to fight AIDS, not to safeguard public morals.

This after the Kentucky State Supreme Court ruled that a law prohibiting oral and anal sex between members of the same sex was unconstitutional. Harper's amendment won't be considered until 1994, when the General Assembly again meets on a regular basis. If it's passed by both houses, it becomes a November 1994 ballot item.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky is already on record opposing any attempt to "prohibit any kind of conduct between consenting adults that doesn't pose any harm to anyone else."



Open expression at the Castro Street fair: Lesbian to Jessie Helms— "You can't touch this."
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Straight Ladies of Harley?

KANSAS CITY - Nearly half of those attending the Harley Owners Group Central Regional Rally in this middle-America town were women. The *Kansas City Star*, which covered the event, made no mention of dykes on bikes, however. Instead, it painted a picture of women who ride motorcycles because of the men in their lives.

One participant says she first got on a bike when her boyfriend picked her up for a date. "I got on it, and I've never been sorry," says the 65-year-old who lives on a farm near Hannibal, Mo.

Helms to Raise Funds For AIDS?

SAN FRANCISCO - The West Coast premiere of *Indecent Materials*, a theater piece based on the words of homophobe Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and AIDS activist Larry Kramer, will raise funds for Mobilization Against AIDS, an AIDS lobby organization.

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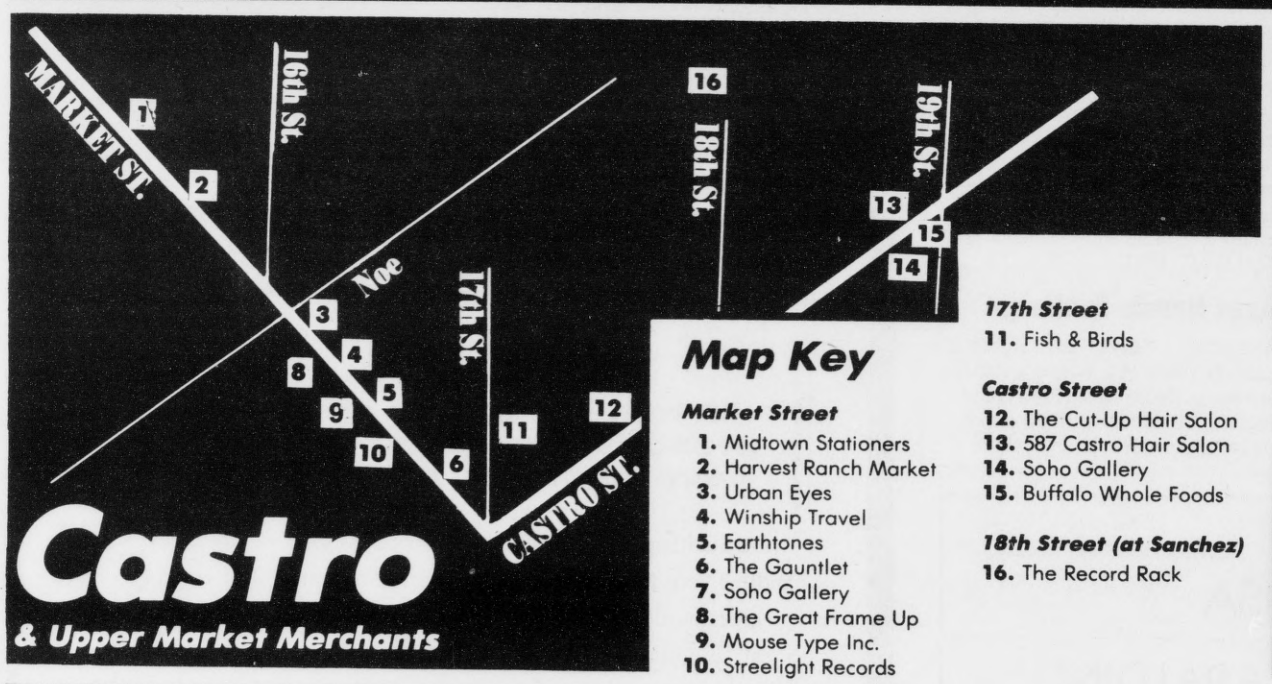

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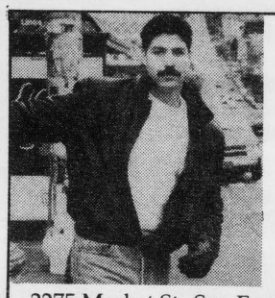

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NGLTF Names New Head Honcho

WASHINGTON - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has found a new director to replace outgoing head honcho Urvashi Vaid. She's Torie Osborn, former director of the Los Angeles Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center. Osborn takes over in March 1993.

Osborn brings to the job 25 years of activism in the gay/lesbian and feminist movements as well as experience in the anti-war, student and civil rights struggles of the late '60s. She also brings management skills and an MBA from UCLA, with a concentration in finance and marketing.

Meanwhile, the L.A. Community Center named Lorri L. Jean as its new director. Jean is currently Deputy Regional Director for region IX of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

SAN FRANCISCO - In the spirit of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Community United Against Violence (CUAV) is reminding folks in the Bay Area that violence in gay/lesbian relationships is said to occur as frequently as in heterosexual ones.

But fewer resources are available to those affected by same-sex domestic violence, according to a CUAV release. The resources that are available include: W.O.M.A.N., Inc. (Women Organized to Make Abuse Non-existent), for lesbian and bisexual women, and Men Overcoming Violence (MOVE) for gay and bisexual men. CUAV's Greg Merrill hopes the month will be an opportunity for the community to face this problem.

W.O.M.A.N., Inc. can be reached at (415) 864-4722, CUAV at (415) 333-HELP and MOVE at (415)777-4496.

BITS & PIECES

In case you've been asleep for the past 20 years, a new study in Denver just confirmed what queer activists have been saying for decades: A child is 100 times more likely to be molested by a family member than by a gay person... The Parenting Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services now offers an innovative nine-month program for prospective lesbian, gay and bisexual parents of color. For info, call Cynthia Chan at (415) 565-7674... Brown University's John Hay Library is acquiring the papers and manuscripts of gay writer John Preston for its archives. Preston is America's best-known author of gay erotica, and the recent anthologies, *Hometowns* and *A Member of the Family*... The San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival is seeking entries for its 17th festival next June. Send those films from Oct.1-March 1. To encourage early submissions, the festival will waive return handling fees for films received by Jan. 1. For more info, call (415) 703-8650... That march on Sacramento is still on for Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day. The theme is "We Are Family." For info, call the hotline at (415) 765-7610... The gay rodeo was protested in Washington, D.C. by members of the Gay and Lesbian Coalition Against the Rodeo on Oct. 3. "The gay community should reject the idea that violence and cruelty are entertaining," says Beth Beck of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals' Gay and Lesbian Animal Rights Caucus... ClaireLight Women's Books moves from its current location in Santa Rosa to 519 Mendocino Ave. on Nov. 4. For more info, call (707) 575-8879... Want to nominate someone for a LAVA (Lesbian of Achievement, Vision and Action)? Go to 55 New Montgomery St. #606 and pick up categories and description before Oct. 30. The awards dinner is set for March 13 at the Miyako Hotel in Japantown. For info, (415) 495-5393... The San Francisco AIDS Foundation is holding an Erotic Safe Sex Video Contest, co-sponsored by Frameline and Falcon Studios. Selected entries will be shown at Frameline's annual film fest in June. For info, (415) 941-6182... The recent Folsom Street Fair raised $30,000 for Pets Are Wonderful Support and the Women's HIV Support Group. Presentation of checks will be on Oct. 21.

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International Conference and Clinical Practice: Interview With Kenneth Mayer, M.D.

Kenneth H. Mayer, M.D., an infectious-disease specialist, is the director of the Brown University AIDS program, and research director at the Fenway Community Health Center in Boston. We asked Dr. Mayer to outline some of the clinical "bottom lines" of the Eighth International Conference on AIDS, held July 1992 in Amsterdam; information that can help physicians today in treating persons with HIV.

(ATN) Looking back after two months, what do you see as the most important information from the International Conference for physicians treating HIV disease today?

(Mayer) What the general media didn't report about Amsterdam is that certain clinical questions are closer to being resolved, but there are still many questions related to standards of care. Two major pragmatic issues are: combination antiretrovirals, given the drugs that are currently approved; and when to prophylax specific opportunistic infections.

Much of how you change your practice is nuance. I function as a specialist; I generally see patients in consultation and advise their primary care doctors. I try to individualize recommendations for each person; some patients want to be on as few drugs as possible, and others want to pursue all possible leads, depending on how symptomatic the persons are and their perception of where they are with their infection. You have to respect these choices and work with people on each issue. Much of the data that informs clinical practice is fragmentary and evolving, often more slowly than we would like.

What is most important now in anti-HIV treatments?

One change will be parallel-track access for stavudine, or d4T. [This program will be for persons without approved treatment options.] Several of us at Brown did a phase I trial, and were impressed early on that while the neuropathy could be problematic, we could cut back on doses and at times restart people after we had to stop. Eventually, we are all looking forward to new kinds of drugs, such as protease and tat inhibitors, but we can't bank on them yet, given the paucity of human trial data. With later-phase studies of d4T looking good, we will have another option for now. The long-term T-helper data looks promising for many individuals. We hope this will be a nucleoside analog that is not associated with pancreatitis and may have better efficacy than others. It may be one of the more important nucleoside analogs by itself.

Then we have the question: Should we start nucleoside analogs even before the T-helper count drops to 500? In one study, there weren't many deaths or disease progressions; it took time to drop off T-helper count. Those with T-helper counts over 500 who were randomized to AZT did have a delay in their T-helper drop.

This one study does not make me start putting everybody with T-helper counts over 500 on AZT. But we should be open to the possibility that in the future, a standard of care might be single-drug treatment initially at any T-helper count, then starting to add drugs as the counts decline. But that is a leap of faith. Some people have already made that leap; I am not there.

But it is hard to reject drug intervention out of hand. If a patient came to me and wanted to start AZT at a higher T-helper count, at least we have this promising data, but concerns about resistance, cost, possible chronic toxicities, and whether it really gives any clinical benefit in the long term, have to be considered as well.

Regarding combinations, multi-arm studies are now ongoing; we are waiting for results of clinical trials to get a better feel for how and when to start combining. Data comparing combination treatment with AZT plus ddI, vs. alternating treatment with those drugs show that the combination seemed to work better. I don't think it puts the nail in the coffin on alternating these drugs, but it makes me feel more comfortable combining them.

I still recommend monotherapy on AZT if people do not want to participate in trials and are asymptomatic and have T-helper counts less than 500. If the T-helper count does not stay stable over the next few months, I have a lower and lower threshold for adding another nucleoside analog. Depending on where their T-helper count is at that time and their clinical status, there are a number of people I put on ddC per indication, but there are times when people's counts have dropped rapidly and I put them on AZT plus ddI, now that this combination is prescribable. Their rate of change, their clinical history, makes me decide to use one drug or the other.

Do you usually prefer ddC or ddI for combination with AZT?

I feel frustrated that there is not enough data yet to make the decision. If there is any concern with the pancreas, the data would push me toward ddC. On the other hand, if there's a fairly rapid drop in T-helper counts, I have extrapolated from the data to add ddI instead of ddC at times, since ddI is looking so promising as monotherapy. There isn't enough data because there have not been adequate studies. When clinical results are available, I will feel more strongly about using one or the other.

What about adding acyclovir to HIV treatment? That seems to be continually controversial.

The acyclovir issue is a tricky one. The study which got so much press at first found a survival benefit but not a decrease in CMV retinitis. The question is, what is the acyclovir doing? Perhaps it is stopping subclinical reactivation of members of the herpes-virus family, and therefore reducing transactivation of HIV. It is also possible that subclinical CMV disease may cause organ dysfunction or susceptibility to other opportunistic infections; maybe we are not detecting it because we are using such an advanced endpoint, CMV retinitis. There have been studies with different doses of acyclovir that have not shown clear-cut benefit; here we see survival benefit. The drug continues to impress me; aside from the cost, it is well tolerated, and I have not seen it impede people's care. There is the issue of how many pills people are willing to take, but now that there is an 800-mg acyclovir pill, this is less of a problem, taking three or four or even five of those pills a day.

One question that remains is whether the new acyclovir prodrug can have a role in CMV prophylaxis; it is going into a trial in the ACTG. [A prodrug is a pharmaceutical that turns into an effective drug inside the body. The advantage of the acyclovir prodrug, BW 256U87, is that it allows larger doses to be given orally than would be possible with acyclovir itself. Acyclovir may have a very small anti-CMV effect.]

We still don't understand the biology of acyclovir's benefit with HIV disease, but if something nontoxic has survival benefit I am happy to use it, but not entirely clear when to. If somebody's T-helper count is down and they have been on maximal antiretroviral therapy, or if acyclovir is something the patient requests, I increasingly add it in to the regimen. But it is hard to base a standard of care on one study with a survival benefit but not a clear-cut mechanism. There is biological plausibility, and we want to maximize quality of life, and how well people do over the long haul.

What are the most important conference results on opportunistic infections?

Some of the most useful information at the International Conference was on macrolide antibiotics and MAC, and on azithromycin and MAC. There was particularly interesting data on clarithromycin at 500, 1,000, and 2,000 mg twice a day. The decrease in MAC bacteremia in the blood was impressive, and it happened quickly. The sobering data is that resistance did develop fairly quickly, so I do not think that single-drug therapy with either clarithromycin or azithromycin is a good idea. It is certainly impor-

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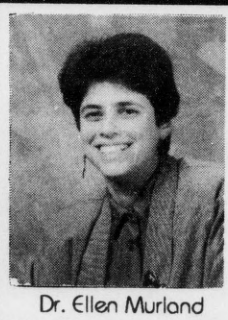
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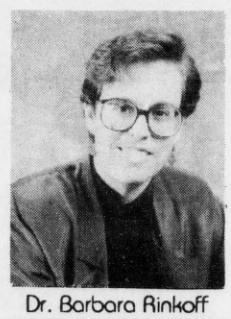
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tant to treat this infection; data has shown that there are very many MAC cases. People with low T-helper counts are living longer, and therefore this disease is a major source of illness and death. Aggressive treatment with macrolides is clearly indicated. The question is, is it macrolide plus one drug? One study said ethambutol; many of us would also use other oral agents. One thing the macrolides have done is to make it less likely for clinicians to use amikacin or other injectable aminoglycosides.

You can easily give a four-drug regimen with azithromycin or clarithromycin, ethambutol, ciprofloxacin, and then either rifampin or clofazimine. One of the issues on which drugs to use is whether to hold some in reserve because of the emergence of multidrug resistant MAC; that will be a hard one to sort out. There is also the issue of cross-resistance when people are at risk of getting tuberculosis; there is concern about using any rifamycin in that situation.

Concerning MAC prophylaxis as opposed to treatment, one of the concerns of the FDA has been that rifabutin might increase the probability of developing rifampin-resistant TB. The data is not at all clear; it is a theoretical concern.

What is your practice now when somebody needs to start clarithromycin or azithromycin for MAC? What other drugs do you use?

I would always add ethambutol and ciprofloxacin; when it was hard to get clofazimine, I was adding rifampin, now I am adding clofazimine. At least those four. With five or more drugs, it gets onerous in cost and toxicity. Many physicians feel three would be enough; I would be happy to cut back. Studies of optimum combinations are underway. The other things you have to consider are which other drugs the patient has used or is currently using.

One important value of the data from a trial on rifabutin for MAC prophylaxis, is the good epidemiological information, showing, for example, at which T-helper counts people are likely to get MAC bacteremia. Very few above 100 developed it. But people with T-helper counts below 100 were also likely to be on multiple other medications, or to have other complications. If somebody has abnormal liver function tests, for example, I certainly will not give them rifampin. And I do not think it would be wise to give full-dose ethambutol to somebody who had CMV retinitis, because the drug can cause ocular toxicity; even though it is a different kind of toxicity than the damage CMV retinitis causes, one would not want to take any chance of impairing somebody's vision. You balance the regimen according to these kinds of considerations.

What else from the international conference comes to mind?

The therapeutic vaccine data looked promising to me, as an adjunctive therapy in keeping people's T-helper counts higher. There were several good presentations. The follow-up on people using some of the vaccines is getting to be long enough that I am looking forward to expanded-access trials. We are very eager to participate in community-based therapeutic vaccine studies, based on the Amsterdam data.

The other treatment I thought was very promising—I have prescribed it occasionally on an individual basis—is pentoxifylline. One report showed reduction in viral load. That was impressive. I think quality of life measurements are important. We want people to feel better, even if we are only palliating them, as long as we are not causing any detriment immunologically. That pentoxifylline made a difference in HIV replication was important; I am looking forward to seeing more intensive studies and a better definition of the population where it will be beneficial.

Progress has been incremental—slower than we would like, but there were more practical developments at the conference than were generally reported. Hopefully a new U.S. administration will be able to mobilize the resources and cooperation needed for a more efficient process to get treatments from the lab to the patient.

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Paul Caruso

The Crystal Way Bookstore on Market Street is owned by Paul Caruso. And giving is a way of life and business for him. Paul opened a crystal store in the Castro because there was no other crystal/spiritual store around. He thought there had to be a place where people could go to get information on or items about spiritual matters. So after he looked for a store and did not find one, he decided to open one up. "I wanted a spiritual store like no other," he says. "If you wanted something on spiritual matters and could not find it, then we would order it for you or if needed we would direct you to where you could find it."

Paul Caruso is a very busy man working in a very peaceful place. But he was not always this way. Paul started his business with no money to pay himself or anyone else. But he felt that no matter what happened to the store, at least he tried. "People need to do what they need to do... if they somehow fail, then they need to do something else."

Paul became interested in crystals fifteen years ago when he went to a woman who did crystal teachings. "After a long four-hour talk which went from boring to very interesting, I felt something. I thought about what she was saying and it felt right. I was hooked and my interest was and still is lifelong," he says.

After learning about crystals for some time, Paul moved to Washington, D.C., and sold his own crystals out of his apartment. Even though he worked in banking, he still wanted and had to be doing something with crystals. Crystals eventually became more and more important to Paul, so he had a reading done. In this reading he was told that the spirits called him 'the carrier of crystals'. At the same time Paul suffered from a cluster migraine. He tried everything, but nothing worked. He turned to crystals for a cure. "Every day for 20 minutes I used crystals to heal myself. After just 60 days the migraines stopped and to this day they never came back."

Paul gives back to the community that he says has given him so much: "I believe that this community supports local business, so I give back." Paul first taught what he learned. He would give free healing sessions to people with AIDS. After he started making money, he gave money back to the people who needed it in the community. So when his business got a little better he gave a monthly percentage to different AIDS organizations. He still has a jar out on his counter that lets people give money to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

"If every business gave a small percentage monthly to a nonprofit cause, then lots of people would be helped. Small business is the foundation of this country. If all small businesses helped, then hopefully no one would need help. I love the fact that small businesses in the Castro get together to discuss the problems that we all have. But I wish we could also get together to talk about how we can all help the community as a whole. We could show people how to start their own businesses. We could invite people to come and speak about why their nonprofits need money and volunteers or how they started their nonprofits and why they are helping the people they do. These are all good things other people need to know. It is not only good for the nonprofits to know us but also good for us to know them. With this information we can all work together to help the people that live in the community.

"We all think it's hard to do this or that, but if we all come together and talk about how we can help each other, it would be a good start and a very good thing. People just need to know how to help, and they will. I have been blessed in my giving, and people from these organizations that I have given to come by and say thank you—that in itself means the world to me. Someone saying 'thank you' means so much, because it renews your sense that it's OK out there."

It certainly is OK out there with people like Paul Caruso and the Crystal Way Bookstore.

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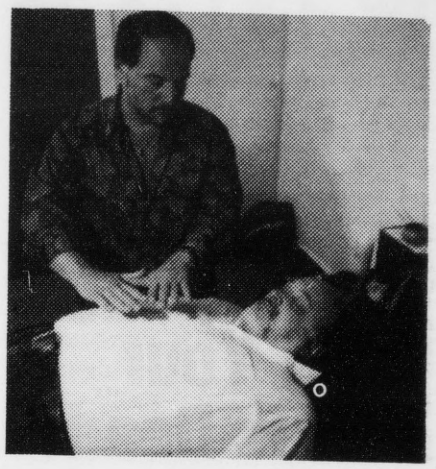

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Who has the best tan line? Escape to a majestic backdrop of rugged, natural splendor in Palm Springs.

Palm Springs: P.S., Your Tan Is Dead

by Steve Holley

Palm Springs isn't just sun and sex. It's also pink and turquoise; sand and cactus; oleander and bougainvillea; vast, starry nights and unrelenting days of sun; T-shirt shops and I. Magnin; Jeeps and Mercedes; lighted palms and date groves; manicured golf courses and undeveloped patches of land; desert rats and lounge lizards. It may be the great escape to snowbirds, but it is hometown to about 40,000 year-round residents. A population of over 150,000 blankets the entire Coachella Valley, which includes the towns of Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, Bermuda Dunes, La Quinta, Thousand Palms and Indio. Its majestic backdrop is the rugged, natural splendor of the desert Southwest and its Native American culture. Behind the scenes is the bygone and present-day glamour of a Hollywood getaway. You'll also find urban sprawl (this is no quaint European-style village) and tacky golf-and-glitz leisure wear that might offend your San Francisco sensibility or fuel your next Halloween creation. But one common denominator brings it all together—an arid, year-round summer climate with 354 days of sunshine. A gay press tour last December coincided with four rare days of rain, which led one wag from back east to offer as his headline for the travel story: "P.S., Bring Your Umbrella."

I'd recommend a swimsuit instead (although you can go without at a number of places). Leave the pastel shorts and penny loafers behind; there's already too many worn by the visiting accountants from Cincinnati. Ditto the jacket-and-tie, unless you're planning on a wedding. Pack hiking boots and torn jeans for some desert exploring; cowboy boots to learn the line-dances away from hometown critics; a workout belt and a Lady Schick if you must pump it up at the new and expanded Gold's Gym. And no need to bring tomatoes: Sonny Bono is no longer mayor.

MECCA FOR GAYS

Palm Springs seems to be thriving as a gay resort. An inexhaustible supply of lusty men continues to come to bask in the desert sun, thousands of lesbians make it a mecca in late March for the Nabisco Dinah Shore Golf Tournament, and a sizeable gay retiree community seeking affordable housing chooses to live here full- or part-time. Gay tourism is such a boon to the local economy that, through the cooperation of the Palm Springs Gay Tourism Council and the City of Palm Springs Division of Tourism, the city has recently published *A Gay Guide to Palm Springs* (call 1-800-34SPRINGS for a free copy).

Now for the sun and sex part. A pocket of a dozen private guest houses has mushroomed in the Warm Sands area, while other gay hotels and resorts are scattered around town or just on the edge in neighboring Cathedral City. There's literally something for everyone, and it depends on whether you want to be pampered or left alone, are looking for a couples thing or sex. If you have the time before you secure a room reservation, go through the Palm Springs gay guide and call the various accommodations that sound appealing. Most have 800 numbers and will give you a fairly honest assessment of the scene at their hideaway. For pampering, consider **Hacienda en Sueno, El Mirasol Villas, Harlow Club** or **Desert Paradise.** For solitude (and pampering if you like), try the **Legacy** or **Triangle Inn,** which acknowledges celebrity visitors but won't name names. **Desert Palms Inn** is the place to go *without* your lover—gobs of guys but no public hanky panky. At the secluded **Villa,** a former date palm grove, sex is in the air and is known to come out at night. Sin and men go hand in, uh, hand at such casual, clothing-optional spots as the **Atrium** and **Vista Grande Villa** or the **Whispering Palms.** And for pampering in the nude, nothing beats the **Inn Exile. Desert Knight** attracts a mixed gay and lesbian clientele, while **Smoke Tree Villa** caters to women. A number of less expensive and smaller accommodations round out the roster, so on a busy weekend take what you can and pool hop. If you want to buy into the action, arrange a tour of the gay and lesbian vacation timeshare, the **Villa Mykonos.**

Many of the gay guest houses and restaurants go through a round-robin of name changes and owners as would-be entrepreneurs opt for leaving the hustle behind and running a quaint little place in paradise. But many find it's hard work, competitive and offers no time off. Two new hotels this season are **Intimate** and **Monaco Villa Resort.**

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

A popular newcomer on the restaurant scene is **Crayons,** formerly the highly rated but pricy Cattails. Featuring contemporary Southwestern-style cooking, Crayons is in step with the times, offering dinners in the $6-14 range and Sunday brunch from $5 to $9. (**Cattails** will reopen in La Quinta.) One casualty of the recession is **Rocks,** a bar/restaurant which didn't survive its relocation from rustic roadhouse to swank shopping center. And at the Desert Palms' **Rhino Cafe,** gay lodgers can sample inexpensive, down-home fare. Farther down on Highway 111 are the **Red Tomato,** a pizza and pasta house, and across the street, **Shame on the Moon,** which offers a new look and a new menu. Unintentionally kitschy, **The Wilde Goose** serves pricy continental cuisine to a curious blend of gays and early-bird seniors.

CC Construction still headlines the bar scene. Ongoing remodeling has resulted in a large country-western dance saloon replacing the original disco, plus a Hi-NRG dance club in the expanded area that was formerly the western bar, a smaller leather-loft bar with casino corner and the giant patio. Maybe this really is a construction company. Next door are a leather boutique and a bathhouse, and across the street, an adult bookstore. Around the corner is a new country-western bar, **Spurs.** No word yet on an All American Boy or A Different Light franchise.

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disco/cocktail lounge setting. **Shades** is a cozy video bar on the Cathedral City strip, while **Streetbar** is a neighborhood watering hole near the Warm Sands area. Also new in town is **Wolf's,** chain-linked branch of a San Diego leather bar.

SCENIC TOURS

Pull yourself away from poolside if you want to experience some of Palm Springs' scenic beauty firsthand. Get high on the desert by taking **Wilderness Jeep Tours** (619/324-3378; $35 for two hours, $60 for a half day). You'll explore the desert just above town on Santa Rosa Mountain, a National Scenic Area and a bighorn sheep preserve (the animals sometimes even appear on the grounds of the new Ritz-Carlton, the only hotel built on the mountain). Grab your camera and hold on tight as earthy, congenial guides well-versed in local legend, geology and Indian culture take you along dirt trails, beside spectacular cliffs and through high desert terrain not otherwise open to the public.

The awesome **Indian Canyons,** (619/325-5673), just a few miles from downtown on the Agua Caliente reservation, are the site of the largest natural fan palm oasis in North America. For a small entrance fee from September to July 4, you can explore the three canyons—Palm, Andreas and Murray—where much of the tribal life of the Cahuillas was centered. Visit the Trading Post overlooking Palm Canyon to pick up some moccasins, Indian jewelry, crystals or books on the Cahuillas. If you're intrigued by the tribe, the Palm Springs Desert Museum, near downtown, offers excellent exhibits on the Cahuillas, highlighting their pottery and basket-weaving expertise.

On the edge of town, the **Aerial Tramway,** (619/325-1391), up Mount St. Jacinto, sounds touristy but is quite a thrill. The train takes intrepid riders from the desert floor up to the top of the 8,500 foot mountain in 14 minutes. Tromp around in the snow or sample the ride 'n dine special in the cafeteria, where you can have dinner for just $4 more than the round-trip tram fare.

Just 45 minutes by car in the high desert is the otherworldly landscape of **Joshua Tree National Monument.** Once home to outlaws, gold miners and LSD trippers, the monument features acres of Joshua trees, desert plants and dramatic rock formations. It's almost a sure bet you'll see a band of coyotes—not the wooden ones with cute kerchiefs either.

CELEBRITY TOURS

Of course there's also the cat-eye-sunglasses and pink Cadillac side of Palm Springs. Book yourself on a tour of celebrity homes, known by jaded locals as the Dead Hollywood Tour. The town has been star-studded since the early 1930s. In those days, the Hollywood set gathered at the El Mirador Hotel, now the Desert Hospital, and later at the Racquet Club, still around. Palm Springs began to garner national attention thanks to radio shows. Jack Benny, Amos 'n' Andy and Fibber McGee and Molly were broadcast from the Plaza Theater downtown. As more and more movie stars and tycoons established weekend or winter homes in Palm Springs, the Las Palmas neighborhood, between Palm Canyon Drive and the mountain, became the place to live. While some homes and estates date from the '30s, its heyday was the glorious '50s and its most famous resident was Liberace.

With Las Palmas not able to accommodate mega-mansions, the richer and more powerful stars headed for the open spaces in ritzy Rancho Mirage, father south along Highway 111. Perched on the mountain isn't a landed UFO but Bob Hope's landmark, 29,000 square-foot, '60s modern mansion, with a dining room that seats 350. A number of streets bear names of celebrities who have donated to local charities—among them Gene Autry, Bob Hope, Dinah Shore, Gerald Ford and Frank Sinatra. Old Blue Eyes is the only one who actually lives on the street named after him. His neighbor is Reagan pal Walter Annenberg, who resides in a 36,000 square-foot estate, Sunnyland. Just around the corner is the Betty Ford Clinic, part of the Eisenhower Medical Center.

FAIRS AND EVENTS

Despite its glitzy resort image, Palm Springs really has a hometown feeling. A good example is **Village Fest,** a downtown street fair held every Thursday night on Palm Canyon Drive, the main drag. Vendors and booths hawk food, fresh dates and handcrafted items, while bands entertain and everybody people-watches.

For gay and lesbian visitors, Palm Springs is predictably hopping throughout the season, with three-day weekends especially busy, so book early. For the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend, a **Desert AIDS Project dance-a-thon** is slated for Friday, Nov. 27, at the convention center. And later in the season, Palm Springs bows to its film colony roots with the fourth annual **International Film Festival,** scheduled for Jan. 7-17. Also in the planning stages is Palm Springs' first **gay rodeo,** set for November 1993.

San Francisco visitors have several flight options for a Palm Springs getaway. The best deal is from Oakland to Ontario, an airport 90 minutes from Palm Springs. Southwest now offers a 21-day advance fare for $88 round-trip or a two-for-one fare of $138. Of course you'd need to rent a car. Otherwise, there are flights from SFO to Ontario on United, from SFO directly to Palm Springs on Alaska and United Express, and from Oakland to Palm Springs on United.

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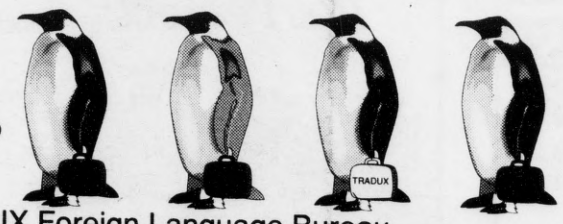

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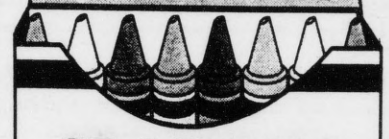

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Olivia, which started out as the pioneer in women's music exactly 20 years ago, is offering a special anniversary at sea in the heart of Mexico's Riviera, Feb. 13-20, 1993. The itinerary is simple: meet in beautiful San Diego, then set sail on Feb. 13 and visit Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Cabo San Lucas.

If that's not enticing enough, from May 1-8 Olivia takes you to the Club Med resort in Playa Blanca, Mexico. Accommodations feature adobe haciendas nestled on flowery slopes facing a white, sandy beach on the Pacific. Olivia has the entire village for seven days and nights. Think about being stranded in that village for all that time with all those mujeres.

Aug. 20-Sept. 1, Olivia visits Quito, Ecuador, before boarding the Isabella II for a seven-day cruising adventure through the Galapagos Islands. Only 32 women can be accommodated in the ship's luxurious cabins, so don't hesitate, especially if swimming with sea lions and photographing blue-footed boobies, sally-go-lightlys and giant tortoises appeals to you.

Finally, from Nov. 20-27, Olivia's Family for Thanksgiving takes you to the Caribbean where you'll have turkey at sea. Stops include the Bahamian Island of San Salvador; St. Thomas; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Labadie Shore, a private beach accessible only by sea.

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TYLER TOURS

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But the climax of the tour is the mardi gras, where hundreds of thousands of queers celebrate in the streets with outdoor stages, entertainment and dancing. If you think San Francisco's Gay Freedom Day is something, wait until you catch this display of pride and freedom!

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Finally, there's the Nile in Feb. 1994. This tour is still tentative, but plans call for arrival in Cairo, a visit to the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, flying along the Nile to the temple of Abu Simbel with its 65-foot statue of Ramses II, a short carriage ride to the Temple of Horus, a stop at the Temple of Khnum and finally a tour of the Valley of the Kings.

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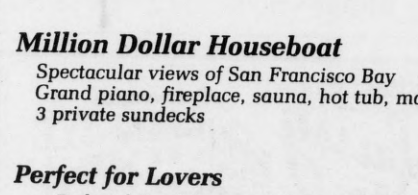

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Laguna Beach: A Jewel on the Southern California Coast

by Gary Menger

Laguna Beach, along with having a considerable gay population, has for decades been a favorite Southern California spot for summer holidays. About midway between Los Angeles and San Diego, and an hour's drive from either, it's only a couple of miles long and about three blocks deep. The beach is a crescent that runs the length of the town and beyond, with a few coves and some large lava rock formations here and there; some of them in the water, rising in the distance like tiny islands, and some on the beach.

The north end of town is a crammed collection of motels and art galleries, and as you near the village center there's a large garden/park on low cliffs overlooking the main beach (Moss Point). The beach is wider here in the center of town, with a boardwalk, and a few square blocks of shops and restaurants just to the east. As you go south from "downtown," the streetside shops get a little scruffier (fast food, little markets, laundromats, etc.), but the beach gets more interesting—both its contours and the people roaming it, not to mention the lifeguards stationed at regular intervals. The gay businesses are also to the south, about two-thirds of a mile from the center of the village.

Although one can be pretty comfortable anywhere in Laguna, there are only three specifically gay operations I'm aware of, located in a tidy triangle by the 1300-1400 blocks of South Coast Highway: **The Coast Inn,** a large old beachfront hotel which houses the bar/dining area Hunky's and the Boom-Boom Room, a dance bar; **Main Street,** a small, cozy piano bar; and, a block north, **The Little Shrimp,** a bar/restaurant/piano bar.

HOW TO GET THERE

From San Francisco departure to arrival in Orange County's John Wayne Airport is one-and-a-half hours. Budget flight fare with United or America West is generally around $130. A fixed rate cab into Laguna Beach is $22, or a ground shuttle is $17 per person. If arriving and leaving on a weekday, Orange County Transit provides nice little buses that will get you there for $1 plus a nickel for a transfer. You take #61 from the airport to Newport Transportation Center in Fashion Island, and then the #1 Coast Highway bus directly to your hotel (approximately 45 minutes). You need to check the #61 schedule before arriving, because it's erratic; the Coast Highway bus, however, runs every 20-25 minutes.

Flying into Orange County is the best and fastest way if your plan is to simply enjoy the diversions and pleasures of Laguna Beach. If, however, you want to do a little exploring up and down the coast, perhaps spend a day in nearby Disneyland and so anticipate renting a car, then there's a better approach. Take advantage of the low $88 round-trip fare and faster ride to San Diego—or for that matter to Los Angeles, but San Diego is easier to get out of and nicer—and then make the one-hour drive into Laguna Beach. It's also an option, if you enjoy traveling for its own sake, to fly to San Diego and then take Amtrak to San Juan Capistrano, which is 12 miles from Laguna Beach; local bus service is available from there. Amtrak round-trip is $22.

WHERE TO STAY

If economy is a prime concern, you can stay at **Crescent Bay Inn,** about a mile north of the village center and not on the beach, for as little as $38; or, a little nearer in, at **Laguna Beach Motor Inn** for as little as $58. But that's not where you want to be. If you're traveling in committed company and want quiet and serene (if cramped) elegance, you can stay in the heart of town and on the beach at the landmark **Hotel Laguna,** with rates ranging from $90 (side rooms) to $130 for beachfront rooms, with no balconies or decks.

The aforementioned **Coast Inn,** at 1401 South Coast Highway, is Laguna's gay-oriented haven. Rates presently range for small off-beach rooms from $60 (over the inn's Boom-Boom Room) to roomier accommodations with private decks beachside for $90 to $125. These rates are a bargain by Laguna standards and the larger, oceanside units are exceptional—spacious, airy, with sliding glass doors and sizeable shared decks, complete with small refrigerators and little gas fireplaces. There are four levels of beachfront studios (some now being remodeled by the new owners into 2-room suites), and the lower ones most directly over the beach probably aren't much affected by noise from the dance bar.

The late-night noise is one of the drawbacks here; the other is that all but the top-floor units have decks accessible by simply walking in a streetside gate whose "No Trespassing" sign doesn't seem much of a deterrent. In conversation with several other guests during my last visit, I learned that even those interested in the possibility of picking someone up in the street or down on the beach (a frequent occurrence) weren't comfortable with the presence of strangers on supposedly private decks. Installation by the new management of a good lock on the existing gate would probably solve the problem, and for those planning to be up until 2 am, the bar noise hardly matters.

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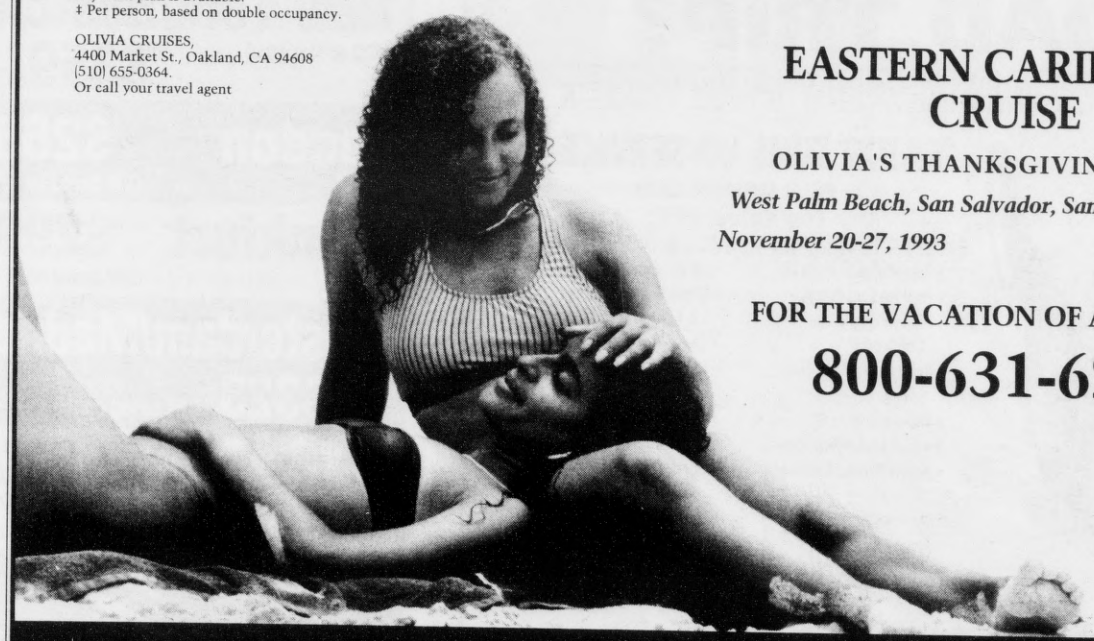

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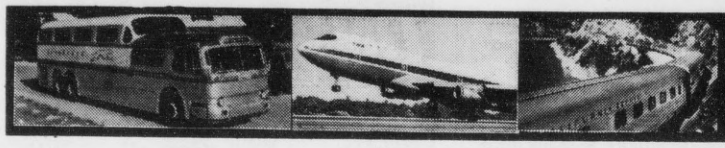

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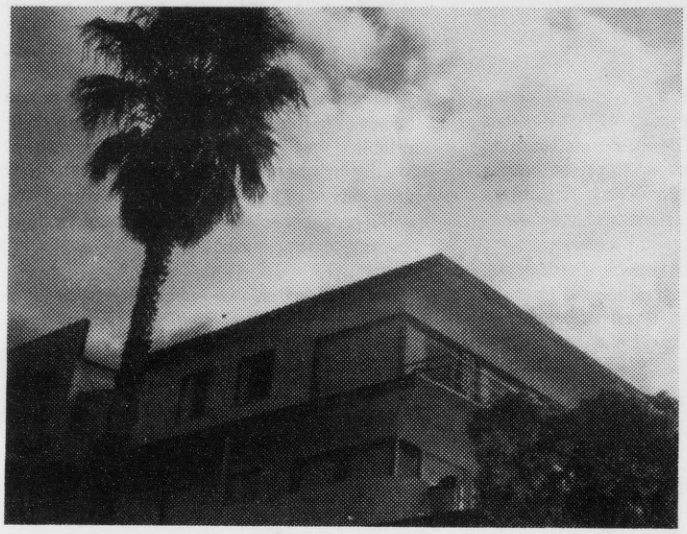
natives are the next-door **Capri Laguna on the Beach,** which has a spa and pool ($95-$250, lower on weekdays) or, a block away, the opulent **Surf & Sand** ($160-$275).

If the Coast Inn is the "playground" for men, where do women go? I must confess I don't know. I met quite a few women at the Little Shrimp (there's a nice mix of people there), and several others dancing later at the Boom-Boom Room, but those I remembered to ask either lived in the immediate area or had driven in for the day and evening from L.A. or San Diego. None of them had info on a preferred lodging place for women in Laguna Beach.

WHERE TO EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

The California Riviera Magazine ("California Riviera" defines the short stretch between Newport Beach and Dana Point) lists almost a hundred dining spots, most of them in Laguna—and that doesn't even cover them all. Next to swimming, sunning and walking on the magnificent beach, eating out is surely the most popular pastime here. I'm not aware of any really extraordinary restaurants in the area, although the most elegant (and expensive) dining experience is probably to be found at either **Hotel Laguna** or the **Surf & Sand.** At the other end of the spectrum, Kentucky Fried, Taco Bell and Jack in the Box are all located in the south end of town, for those who prefer to pick up some basic fast food and munch in comfort on their private decks. And there's a good pizzeria in the new **Village Fair,** also located in the south end.

I missed **The Cottage,** a little north of the village center, but it's reputed to be a great place for breakfast. If staying in or near Coast Inn, their bar/pool room/dining room, **Hunky's,** although somewhat lacking in charm or atmosphere, serves a fine and interesting array of breakfast dishes. (And their excellent waiter, who works in shorts, looks like a young Robert Redford, but with better developed arms and legs.) My own favorite for lunch is a little place across the street from the Hotel Laguna, which is *called* **The Place Across the Street From the Hotel Laguna.** The fare is tasty, varied, interesting and relatively inexpensive, and the service lively, and there's a street-side patio for dining from which you can gaze at



The Coast Inn, Laguna's gay-oriented haven, is a beachfront hotel with airy, sapcious rooms, and private or shared decks; there's also a dining area and dance bar. Photo by Gary Menger

all the funny-looking tourists while working on your tan. It's handy to all the village shops, and to the main beach (another good place for people-watching). Just south of it are two good dinner spots: **Partner's Bistro,** with its second floor **The Terrace** (French Continental), and **Studio Milano** (Italian), the latter offering evening entertainment in the courtyard.

If you gear your vacation eating habits to a late-morning brunch and an early evening dinner, there are great "early bird" bargain dinner specials to be found in Laguna Beach, and the easiest way to learn of them is to pick up a copy of the little classified advertising weekly, *Laguna Pennysaver,* which carries ads for everything from garage and rummage sales to all the properties for rent or sale in town, to all the restaurants and their special offerings. The best I know of is at the **Beach House,** a delightfully airy, comfortable place located directly on the beach a couple of blocks south of Hotel Laguna. Their $9.95 "early bird special" (if seated by 6 pm) includes lobster tail, filet, prime rib and fresh swordfish.

Best of all for casual dining is the gay restaurant and piano bar, **The Little Shrimp,** located at the corner of the 1300 block of South Coast Highway, at Cress Street. The owner, Don, personally handles all the ordering and buys only the best. He's also a great host. He employs two straight wizards as chefs, and a crackerjack service staff of pleasant, personable young men. You can opt to dine inside near the piano bar, or out on a very pleasant, candlelit patio. The menu's extensive, ranging from fettucine Alfredo ($8.95) to rack of spring lamb ($18.95), and all meals are served with a choice of salad or soup (New England clam chowder is a house specialty). My enthusiasm for this place was recently reinforced by two other visiting friends from San Francisco, one a retired Pac Bell executive whose hobby is gourmet cooking, the other a reservations manager for a major hotel for whom dining out is a large part of his work. The former pronounced the rack of lamb exquisite and the quality of the meal equaled by the attentive service; the latter was awed by the giant-sized jumbo prawns, insisting they were the best he'd ever had. We stayed late to enjoy the piano bar, and they both agreed that if there were such a place in San Francisco they would be patronizing it half the nights of the week.

There's more to life than eating. Tourist publications are full of recommendations for assorted diversions, including musical dinner theater, in the surrounding area. Arts and crafts fairs are not confined to the summer months. There's an abundance of places in Laguna of interest to art, antique and crystal collectors. Later in the evening there's a variety of entertainment in several of the restaurants/bars. And there are, of course, the three gay bars—two of them with food service (Little Shrimp and Coast Inn's Hunky's), two with piano bars (Little Shrimp and Main Street, across from Coast Inn), one with a dance bar (Coast Inn's Boom-Boom Room). And there is Disneyland. But the real appeal of Laguna Beach is the spectacular beach itself, the ocean, the clear sky, the balmy climate, the incredible sunsets. You can have a wonderful time there, never leaving the beach or your own sundeck until twilight, and then going out nearby to enjoy a good dinner and congenial evening company (both easy to find).

In summer (through August) there are two great "bonuses": the **Sawdust Arts & Crafts Fair** and the **Pageant of the Masters.** The latter is quite a wonderful nightly performance that goes on most of the season. In an outdoor amphitheater that seats more than 1,000, famous paintings, sculptures and friezes are exactly recreated using living actors. The full orchestra is great, the narration interesting, and vivid lighting really brings it to life. The whole setting is surrounded by very green and flowering hills, and there's a stroll-thru maze of art exhibits in the entrance area. This event is unique in the country, and generally realizes a seasonal revenue for the city of Laguna Beach of over a half-million dollars, as well as the net income apportioned to artistic grants and scholarships.

WHAT TO WEAR

Apparel depends to some degree on your own personal style. There are certainly places you might feel more comfortable in a lightweight suit or even a dinner jacket (but you're not likely to get around to going to them, and even they don't impose a dress code). All you really need are a couple of pairs of shorts, three or four shirts, at least one pair of long pants, a sweater for cool evenings, a change of footwear, bathing attire and a beach towel. And, of course, whatever little personal toys and artifacts are required to make you comfortable. It should all fit in a medium-sized weekend bag; if you need anything else, you can always check out the local pharmacy, supermarket and thrift shop.

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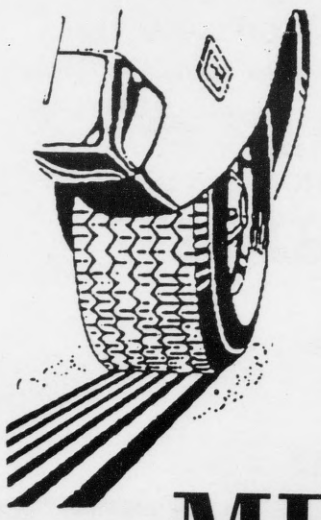

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Letters...

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ject, and it is that statement I found impossible. Once again: Mr. Tim is wrong. The *unimpeachable* research to which he refers does not exist.

I am quite familiar with the research literature on child development and there are no *unimpeachable* studies on *either* side of the pedophilia debate. To suggest otherwise only compounds the problem. The murkiness of existing research is hardly clarified when data are improperly used to advance the narrow, penis-directed, self-involved interests of a handful of men anxious to suck off their neighbor's toddler.

Al Kielwasser
San Francisco

Pornography Exploits

Congratulations to Dave Ford for an excellent article on pornography. It was very thorough and explored the true feelings of men in search of real relationships who short-circuit these with insatiable fantasies. I loved the way Dave addressed the fact that pornography exists only for the money and nothing more. Art—from Tom of Finland to Michelangelo—transcends money, even though there are always some financial consequences. Pornography exploits the consumer, emotionally and financially. Again, thank you, Dave, for your wit and your insight.

Allan V. Giannini, M.D.
San Francisco

Beautiful Gays and Lesbians

Every time I watch TV and listen to Lou Sheldon, Pat Robertson and Pat Buchanan—the three assholes of the 20th century, (to say nothing of their equally ignorant clones)—I want to vomit. The hate and negative comments they spew from their ugly mouths are just too much. They really insult my intelligence.

So I got this great idea. Why don't we have a mural or flags or a memorial or T-shirts or scarves—something like the AIDS quilt—showing all the beautiful people who were gay or lesbian and all that they contributed to the planet. We can start with Michelangelo and Mary Magdalene.

Well, it was just an idea.

Ruby Brooklyn

Columbus, Hold the BASIL

We are BASIL (Bay Area Sicilian and Italian-American Lesbians), a political and cultural support group of Italian-American lesbian feminists. We have been meeting since 1988 to reclaim, promote and celebrate our ethnicity as Italian Americans, and to resist assimilation into Anglo culture.

We want to voice our support for the work being done to protest Columbus and the invasion of the Americas in 1492. We support the rights of native peoples. We are disturbed to see the amount of denial many Americans have regarding North American history. The U.S. government, in the name of democracy and freedom, has all but wiped out an entire civilization and now, 500 years later, as we gear up for this hoopla, racism and genocide, still prevails against native people. This hypocrisy must be brought to light.

However, we also speak from the perspective of Italian Americans, the descendents of immigrants who fled to this country, escaping political and economic oppression in their native land. Many of the Italian Americans in this country are of peasant heritage. The immigrant wave that began in the late 1800s consisted primarily of Southern Italians, Sicilians and other poverty-class Italians. There was also racial prejudice. The southerners, because of their darker skin tone, were considered inferior. The wide variation of skin tone among Italians to this day reflects our combined ancestry, which includes Spanish, Greek, Arab, North African, French, German, Albanian and Semitic blood. We are of mixed heritage. Most people don't know this about our history. It's acceptable to overlook us as ethnically marginal Americans. Much of the local anti-Columbus activities have involved a certain amount of ignorance about Italian-American issues.

Italian-Americans are either completely invisible in the media, or we're stereotyped as mafiosos, spaghettied buffoons, or overemotional opera stars. These stereotypes must be replaced with more accurate information. In the meantime, non-Italians must examine their lack of information and correct that lack, instead of making us invisible, or lumping us together as colonizers/oppressors under the guise of anti-imperialism.

An example of this occurred at Intern'l Women's Day march on March 9, which is organized by Women Against Imperialism. The theme of the march was anti-Columbus, pro-native people's struggles. While preparing to march proudly, some of us from BASIL realized we were going to walk straight through North Beach, past the Italian cultural centers of SF. We marched, protesting Columbus and supporting IWD, yet also felt like we were protesting through our own community. We thought, "Well, surely a speaker at the rally will clarify the issues. Surely a distinction will be made between protesting against Italians and opposing genocide against Native Americans." Yet no mention was made of these issues, and only a few even noticed the problem. No one said: "Hey, Columbus was Italian, but the Italian government did not send him here, nor did Italy colonize this continent." In fact, Italian-Americans have also suffered ethnic oppression and cultural annihilation in this country.

But no one said anything about any of this. We left the march feeling compromised and invisible.

In citing this example, we don't mean to single out Women Against Imperialism. Such distinctions haven't been made at any of the events surrounding the quincentennial. Awareness of issues as they impact Italian Americans is very low, even in the progressive community. It's up to Italian Americans to speak up or be kept invisible. Yet, even our "speaking up" has a cultural and historical context. Remember, Italians have only been in this country for about 100 years, and we've only been speaking the English language for maybe 50 years. "Americanizing" as quickly as possible has been a major way Italian Americans as a culture have coped with the ethnic oppression we face in this country. Our survival now depends on us speaking up and defining for ourselves who we are.

So, in writing today, we also want to make it clear that we reject the cultural "heroes" given to us by mainstream society, such as gangsters and Columbus. At the same time we see them in a broader context. We realize that Italians are encouraged to identify with values oppressive to us. So some of us attend Mafia movies or support Columbus Day. This is our internalized oppression.

So, while we insist on greater awareness from non-Italians, we also insist on new cultural heroes and heroines for ourselves as Italian Americans. What about Sacco and Vanzetti Day? What about a day to recognize the contributions of Italians to American life? We have contributed in numerous areas, including art, music, film, literature, labor, politics, business, sports and entertainment.

As Italian-American lesbians and feminists, we support the rights of the Indigenous Peoples of North America. We also believe that the liberation of one group should not increase the invisibility of another. We support and speak up for our own culture as Italian Americans. We hope that in writing this letter, we will stimulate a deeper consciousness about these issues and move us all one step closer to a society which truly reflects the cultural and historical complexities of all of our lives.

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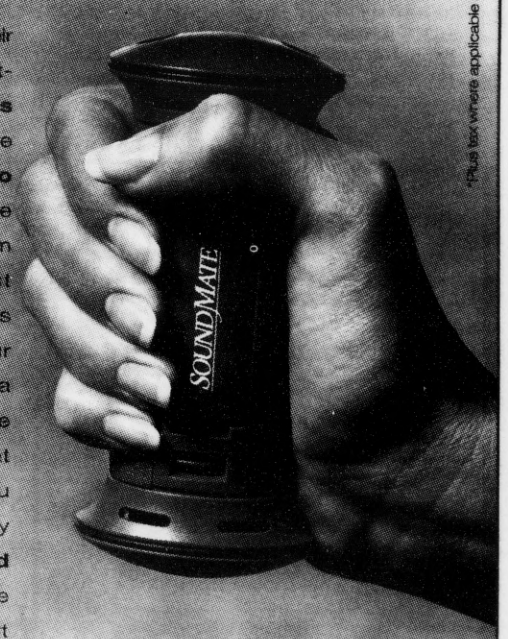

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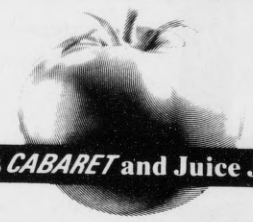

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Jupiter makes its quasi-annual ingression—this time into Libra—on Saturday, Oct. 10th at 6:29 am. Over the next 13 months, while Jupiter is in Libra, relationships, generally speaking, will be easier to find and maintain. Negotiations, from the personal to the diplomatic, will go a little bit better. Artistic and other cultural events will receive broader support. People will tend more to join groups as well as form personal unions.

BAD NEWS, DARLING

Mars is now opposing Uranus (until the 13th) and Neptune (until the 18th). The Mars-Uranus opposition makes us quite a bit more reckless and willful. One is easily tempted to take stupid dares, and (with Mars in Cancer) to take things much too personally and to react very emotionally. Watch out for frightful bursts of temper. Also be extremely careful of sparks, fires and electricity. The Mars-Neptune opposition only makes it worse. Judgment and intent are fuzzy. It's hard now to know your limits and to measure your energies. It's a most slippery time for people in recovery. Murphy's Law is to be strongly considered now; slow and easy does it!

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: A queen's home is his/her castle, which is fine if you live alone. If not, you'll find yourself getting a bit grandiose. Try to catch it before your roommates do, or there could be one queen getting ousted in a revolution! You could—very carefully and subtly—direct that energy into your career; but again, if you have to work with others, do so very considerately. (On the other hand, be careful that you don't end up sounding like Eddie Haskell.) Your ambitions are a bit beyond realistic and can get you into trouble with your superiors. Any authority figure—boss, landlord, cops, parents—is likely to be trouble right now, unless you can curb your self-importance. Co-workers can be especially helpful at this time.

TAURUS: Typically you are opinionated but soft-spoken. These days you are much more outspoken! That can cause a lot of rude surprises and misunderstandings. This is a time when you should listen as well as speak up, but your stubborn streak can easily make things worse. When alone, examine your values and be sure to consider the value of open-minded listening as well as that of speaking up. Consider the value of accepting an intellectual challenge as an opportunity to grow. Good news, darling! Pleasures you've been enjoying lately you will soon have an opportunity to share.

GEMINI: Money may not be the root of all evil, but it's sure to cause you major headaches this week! Misunderstandings about loans and debts are the worst source of trouble, now more than ever. It's best to let things go until these aspects pass. If you're the debtor, be humble and co-operative, but try to get things delayed until then. The tendency to argue and defend your position will only make it worse. Complicating the picture... well, most of us have been living with grief overload. This week yours is likely to explode, perhaps through fits of temper. Try to focus in on your own pain and fear rather than blindly taking it out on others. Now you can begin to find community resources and support you'd never thought of.

CANCER: With Mars in your sign, you're awfully energetic lately. You may find others having trouble keeping up with you. Your partner may be especially put out right now. If s/he isn't, you'll probably imagine some slight anyway. Sorry, hon, but you know how your imagination can get! Don't get smug if you're single! Any partnership is endangered now by your current wave of cantankerousness and paranoia. As they say, own it and dump it. Elsewhere, your chart shows wonderful opportunities to open up your communication skills; mercifully, that's a much longer trend.

LEO: Just because you're a hypochondriac doesn't mean you aren't really ill. Your health is not at its best right now, but you are exaggerating the trouble. Worrying about it is likely to make co-workers nervous and create a general malaise. Yes, you love a role, so be Betty Davis in that movie with the guy she always called "little Ronnie Reagan." Be quietly and bravely heroic, but do see a health practitioner. Your recent spell of financial good luck will get better now if you include a partner or consultant in your plans.

VIRGO: Are we having fun yet? The stars show you working hard at it—maybe over-compensating? Perhaps you're just having more opportunities for social whirling about than you know what to do with. What you need to do is to pick and choose. Leave yourself time to rest and relax so you can do the things you really want to do and not hit every event around because you feel obliged. Practice telling folks, "Oh, dear, I would love to come, but I'm already booked then." Over-exerting yourself, even at "fun," can make you tired and nasty.

LIBRA: Eenie meenie, Jelly Beany, the spirits are about to speak! And thank heavens they're friendly spirits, 'cause you need all the help you can get right now! Blessings are coming in disguise, and inner strength is coming up within you. Trust your instincts, but take time to talk quietly and privately with a close friend. God/dess or a spirit guide count. The aforementioned trouble? Well, usually you're so good at standing aside as a companion or partner. Right now you're forging ahead, but your ambitions are likely to be ill-considered and can easily get you into trouble with authority. Well-intended support from your family is likely to give you encouragement you don't need.

SCORPIO: You're in a phase of political good luck and general popularity. It could be very tempting to take advantage of that support and take a loud and fierce stand. Actually, it is a much better time to consider a variety of viewpoints and take in as many different opinions as possible. Your mouth could easily get you into trouble right now, so keep your ears and brain busy instead. Bringing together the diversity and putting the apparently conflicting pieces together will prove a deliciously challenging and rewarding task.

SAGITTARIUS: You've been having wonderful opportunities to get ahead, and now you'll find someone, probably in a position of power, who will help you further your career. This could be the source of pressure and overactivity that's working your nerves and tying your stomach up in knots. Be sure to take some private time for meditation and healing. Watch what you eat, but also get a handle on whatever is eating you. Your health is especially vulnerable these days, but with proper rest and diet it doesn't have to be a problem. Without proper rest and diet, it surely will be!

CAPRICORN: Your partner is being so bloody headstrong and annoying lately. It couldn't have anything to do with the fact that you've been so mysterious and erratic lately. *Lately?* Actually, you like being steady and predictable, and in recent years you're not. It's tempting to take it out on your significant other. The erotically creative could find a fun way to do that. This is an excellent time to share some adventures with your partner... or any partner. As much as you want to call the shots, be sure to make it a truly co-operative process.

AQUARIUS: You're probably being a bit of a hypochondriac lately, but better safe than sorry. Skin and bone problems, especially as they relate to your emotional well-being, are likely at their worst. The trick then is in your emotions. Some seclusion and meditation will do you a world of good. Perhaps you can use the quiet and solitude for creative work you've always wanted to do. Whatever you do now will need revision later. Don't count on quality, but don't let that stop you from producing rough drafts. Don't overdo the seclusion. You've recently been investigating sexual techniques or in a grieving process. Well, now you'll have a chance to practice either or both.

PISCES: You are typically more critical of your partner than of anyone. Actually, this helps keep you out of trouble, especially lately. But reconciliation is now called for, and it comes easily. Negotiations can go particularly well right now, especially (but not only) in personal matters. Trouble comes when exuberant outbursts and megalomania infect your creative process. Your friends, for all their best intentions, are very likely to get you into trouble. Yes, it could be delicious trouble, but think it through before you even get started. You can get in over your head, even at the best of times, and this is far from the best of times.

THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

coming UP

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OCT 9 / F R I

"How to Change the World Decently & in Order," a conference on the needs & concerns of lesbian & gay people in the Presbyterian Church. This is a strategy development conference focused on the ramifications of the 1978 PCUSA prohibition of ordination of lesbians & gay men. Tonight & tmw at First Presbyterian Church, San Anselmo & First Presbyterian Church, San Rafael. For info call Richard Sprott (510) 653-2134 or Lisa Larges (415) 648-0547.

Bi-Friendly Brunch at Edy's in Berkeley: Especially for Bi's who work swing shift (at your job, that is). Directions: Take BART to the Berkeley station, if you're driving call Kuwaza (510) 465-9671 for the street address.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Michael Cadnum reads a Halloween-inspired selection of his novels, including *St Peter's Wolf, Ghostwright* and *Breaking the Fall*. 6-8 pm, 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757 or (510) THE-DARK.

Country Western intermediate dance lessons, spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). 7-9 pm Fridays, tonight & 10/16, 23 & 30. Pre-reg before 10/21. Everyone welcome! Info: Sharon 453-9317.

Women's Country Western Dance Class: 7-9 pm in the Eastbay, tonight & 10/16. For info call Gerri (510) 428-2144.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Michelle McKeegan, former executive director of Planned Parenthood in Eureka, Calif, discusses her book, *Abortion Politics: Mutiny in the Ranks of the Right*. Book looks at the struggle within the Republican party between the religious right's "family values" and more moderate forces. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

"Bottom's Up: Bar Hopping Queers on the Silver Screen," a clip/commentary by gay film historian & critic Daniel Mangin. Intriguing compilation of old chestnuts—*Advise & Consent, The Killing of Sister George, Liana*—wtih lesser-known gems from several different time periods & countries. Come find out what Hollywood found in the gay bars, discuss what the bar scenes told gay people (and the world) about who they were. Spons by the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California. 7:30 pm, $8. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St, SF.

"Money & Career: Are They Your Trick or Treat?" Stefan Eric Smith tells you how to bury the goblins & ghosts of financial insecurity & job frustration; learn to harvest abundance in all areas of your life. 7:30 pm, $5. At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Women & the Americas: A musical celebration of the cultures of Turtle Island with Jennifer Berezan, Claudia Gomez, Sharon Burch and Betsy Rose. 8 pm, $8. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2572.

Benefit for Filth Magazine at Komotion, 2779 16th St at Folsom, SF. 8 pm, $10 admission includes free t-shirt, $5 regular admission. Live music by *MDC* and *Bikini Kill*, plus the world's first & possibly only attempt at punk rock karaoke with punk rock karaoke all-stars. Also freaky film & video fest, bizarre t-shirt bazaar, and more. Info: 648-4923.

At Mama Bears: Radical stand-up comic Carol Steinfel and singer Sunny McHale Skyedancer team up for a night of fine entertainment! Benefit to help defeat Oregon's ballot measure 9 which declares lesbians & gay men constitutionally "abnormal & perverse," and denies equal protection to gays. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

At Cody's Books: Author Victor Villasenor reads from *Rain of Gold*, the story of his family's journey from the war-ravaged mountains of Pancho Villa's revolution to the Prohibition days of California. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Paul Anelli as Miss Ann Drogynous at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/8.

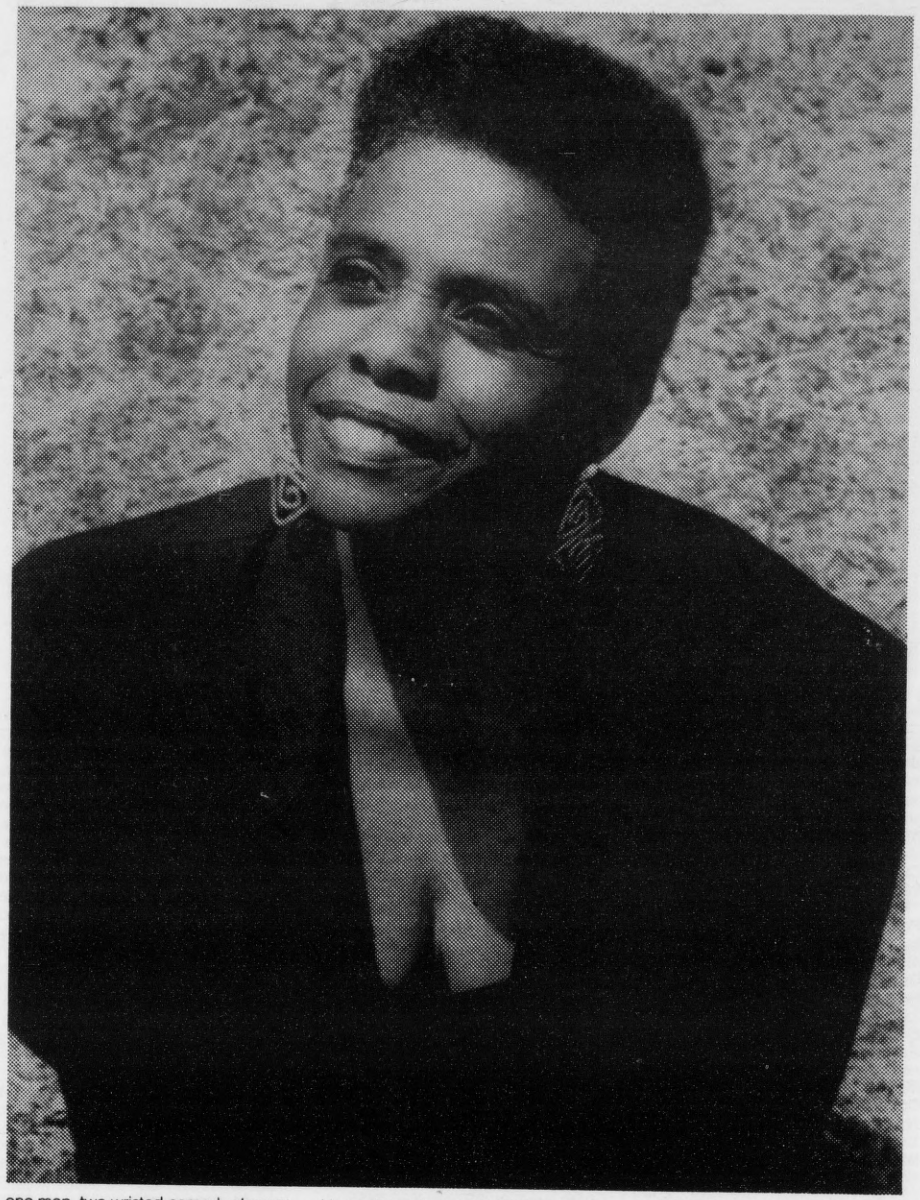
Pro-Choice Benefit for NOW (Nat'l Orgaization for Women) at DNA Lounge with *Tribe 8* and *Her Majesty the Baby*. 8 pm. 375 11th St, SF.

At Red Dora's Bearded Lady: Phyllis Christopher, Mimi Freed, Lisa Geduldig, Elissa Perry, Nancy Boutilier, Johanna Lee & Kovick. 8 pm, $5. Info/res: 206-9722. 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF.

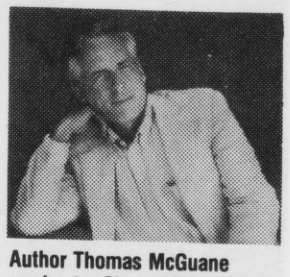
Rainforest Information Center Fundraiser: See Dr Helen Caldecott's *You Can Heal Your Planet*, followed by a circle discussion with JFK University professor Bill Garrett. 8 pm at JFK Village Campus, room 201. $5 suggested donation. Refreshments available for sale. Kids under 9 are free! Info: Dahlia Miller (510) 235-4313.

Club nZinga: International Dance Party at El Rio, with host DJ Mongrel 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Comic Tom Ammiano in "Wrists II." Ammiano returns with his summer hit, a one-man, two-wristed comedy show at Josie's Cabaret. Ammiano goes after SF politics, discusses being a gay father, the PTA, school board meetings, presidential elections, the Boy Scouts, safe sex, telephone answering machines, being an openly gay comic and other topics of life for queer folks in America. Witty, hilarious, don't miss! Show runs Fridays, tonight & 10/16 & 30 at 10 pm. $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.



Mary Midgett coordinates the 1st African-American Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual Conference, held on Oct. 16. See Calendar for info. Photo by Veronica Faisant



Author Thomas McGuane reads at a Clean Well Lighted Place for Books on Oct. 14. Calendar has details.
Photo by Marion Ettlinger

Experience creative release at Red Dora's Bearded Lady dyke performance space, Oct. 9 & 10. See Calendar for info.
Photo by Phyllis Christopher

OCT 10 / S A T

New Perspectives on the Science & Politics of Health & The Environment: a one-day health conference spons by the Environmental Health Network. Focus on the impact of toxic chemicals on the environment, health & public policy. Conference specifically addresses the scientific, economic & political aspects of Environmental Illness/Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (EI/MCS). 8 am coffee, registration & reception, conference program runs 9 am-6 pm at the Romberg Center in Tiburon. Do not wear perfumes or fragrances, please. Dress warmly to allow for brisk ventilation. Info: 541-5075.

Sequoia-Bayview Trail/Joaquin Miller Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller/Lincoln Ave exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Rd. Go east (uphill) on Joaquin Miller approx 1.2 miles. Turn left on Skyline Blvd & continue 0.4 miles to trailhead on left. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

At Two Sisters Bookshop: Transpersonal Healing of Childhood Sexual Abuse: A wkshop for healing the whole woman thru mind, body, spirit, heart & community. Facilitated by psychotherapists Kathy Duguid & Sara Todd. 10:30 am-4:30 pm, $65. Includes both lecture & experiential work, dress in clothes that allow free movement. Info/reg: Kathy 327-5874 or Sara 856-8901. 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park.

Auditions today & tmw at Purple Arts Theatre for its 1993 season. Audition for Charles Ludlum's "Camille" and Charles Busch's "Psycho Beach Party." All types, ages 20-50 and all parts male, female & crossdressed. Noon-5 pm. 150 Folsom St at Main, SF. Info: 931-9837.

Recovery: Personal Evolution for a New Humanity—wkshop with Cathryn Taylor (*The Inner Child Workbook*), Hal Bennett (*Follow Your Bliss*) and Dr Phil Kavanaugh (*Magnificent Addiction*) at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

BWMT Rap: Join Black & White Men Together for a discussion, "You wouldn't understand, it's a Black Thang," with video *The Colored Museum*. At All Saint's Church, 1350 Waller St, SF. Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins at 7.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Night of improv comedy & song with Over Our Heads. 7 pm, $7-10 SL fee. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Potluck Dinner Party spon by Girth & Mirth Club of SF: 7 pm, free for those who bring a dish, $7 without. Info/location: 552-1143.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Joyce Goldstein, chef & proprietor of SF's famed Square One Restaurant, celebrates the publication of her new cookbook, *Back to Square One: Old-World Food in a New-World Kitchen*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

SF Conservatory of Music 75th Anniversary Celebration begins with an Opening Gala Concert, 8 pm at Davies Symphony Hall, Van Ness Ave at Grove, SF. Program includes the Conservatory Orchestra performing John Adams' *The Chairman Dances*; Prokofiev's *Symphony-Concerto, Op. 125*; Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 22 in E-flat Major, K. 482*and Brahms' *Academic Festival Overture*; joined by Conservatory faculty & alumni who are members of the SF Symphony, Opera and Ballet orchestras. Tix $15-40. Info/res: Symphony Box Office 431-5400.

Queer Rock with *Pansy Division* at Gilman Street Project, also playing: *Tribe 8, Bikini Kill, Wynona Ryders* and *Pre Marital Sex*. 8 pm. All ages. 924 Gilman St, Berkeley.

Tribe 8 with *Bikini Kill* and *Pansy Division* at 924 Gilman Street, Berkeley. All welcome!

"Folksongs," Golden Gate Men's Chorus in Concert: Songs of love, war, joy & sorrow. 8 pm tonight, 3 pm tmw at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. Tix: $10 adv, $12 at door; $6 stdnts & srs. Info: 626-2883 or 584-9805.

At Cody's Books: Robert Greenfield discusses *Bill Graham Presents* the autobiography of the legendary rock promoter/impresario, which he wrote with Graham. 8 pm. A definitive inside account of the man who created the business of rock as it exists today. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Paul Anelli as Miss Ann Drogynous at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/8.

"Saturday Night's All Right!!!" an opening night extravaganaza at Klubstitute Queer Niteclub & Cabaret, celebrating their switch to every Saturday at The 11th Hour. Also a double magazine release party for *Venus* issue #3 and *Homozone* issue #5. Night of fun with House of Pancake drag troupe, and special guests Timmy Spence, Miss Kitty Litter, Ruby Toosday and Jade Semi-Precious. Also SF debut of "Hypermind," a performrance/video & architectural installation with performance artists Don Bajema, Robbie Daniels and Tony Labat plus performance architecture; and new video feature by Shon Spirulina. DJ's Remix & Drew. Doors open at 8 pm, showtime's at 11. $5.11, free before 9 pm at The 11th Hour, 1484 Market St near Van Ness Ave, SF.

At El Rio tonight: *DeathGroveLoveParty* with Carmaig de Forest, *happygoingnowhere*, Ian Brennan; at 10 pm. $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

OCT 11 / S U N

***Vallarta!* Music Fest:** Latin Jazz '92—Book your reservations now for this "la crema de la crema" festival of top performers in the Latin Jazz world (10/29-11/5) in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Details? Call the *Vallarta!* Music Fest Salsa Line: (619) 223-8011 or Mexico Int'l Promotion Group (619) 222-1140.

City Bicycle Tour for people with AIDS/HIV, spons by Shanti Project, see 10/3 listing for details.

Potluck Brunch for Men spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.

Auditions for Purple Arts Theatre 1993 season, see 10/10 listing for details.

"Get Lost (Again) Columbus" Opera: Original music & libretto by White Cloud Wolfhawk Eagles Xochipillicueponi, with *The Blood Red Singers*. Special guest poet educator & radio personality Avotcja Jiltonilro. 2 pm, $9. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg C, room 260, SF. Info: (510) 223-0357. Also plays in the Eastbay tonight at 8 pm at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley, call (510) 525-5054 for details.

Fabulous Fall Festival in support of Bill Clinton/Al Gore & the Democratic ticket. Event spons by the Southern Alameda County Gay & Lesbian Community & the Spoiled Brat. Features food & refreshments, prizes, entertainment, Clinton video, no-host cocktail, contests ("Dan Quayle Dart Board Tournament") and more. Mistress of ceremonies: Mary King, president of Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Special guests: Congressman Pete Stark, Assemblypersons Johan Klehs and Delaine Eastin, Senator Bill Lockyer. 2-4 pm, $10 at the Spoiled Brat, 22648 Mission Blvd, btwn B & C Streets, Hayward. Info: (510) 732-VOTE.

National Coming Out Day Celebration spons by Spectrum: 4-8 pm at Contempo Marin Club House, 400 Yosemite Dr, San Rafael (off Smith Ranch Rd in Terra Linda). 4-6 pm: opening celebration—gathering/mixers, welcoming address with San Mateo supervisor Tom Nolan, honors/coming out stories. 6-7 pm: eating & socializing. 7-9 pm: dancing with DJ Lori Z. No-host non-alcoholic bar, smoke-free indoor environment, all ages welcome. Fun includes outdoor BBQ—chicken, salad, roll, dessert & coffee, for $7! All proceeds benefit Nat'l Coming Out Day. Info: Spectrum 457-1115.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Radiante*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At Modern Times Bookstore: O Henry Award-winning author Sylvia Watanabe reads from her magical collection of short stories set on Hawaii's Lahaina coast, *Talking to the Dead*. 7 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Bookstore staffers Rachel Pepper, Ray Melville, Tommi Avicolli Mecca, Pansy Bradshaw, John Orcutt, James Breeden, Ted Tallasse and D-L Alvarez read their own work in celebration of Book Festival Week. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Paul Anelli as Miss Ann Drogynous at Josie's Cabaret—final performance! See 10/8 listing for details.

At Thunder Bay: Metal Night with *Mind Zone* and *Othello's Revenge*. 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Dr at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley.

David Hare's "Secret Rapture" plays at the Phoenix Theatre thru Nov. 8. See OnStage for details. Photo by Alice G. Patterson

See Dance Brigade's performance of "Goodbye Columbus," Oct. 17. OnStage has info. Photo by David Maung

OCT 12 / MON

Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders), meets 6-9 pm tonight at 1853 Market St, SF. Group offers women over 50 support for their writing. Led by author/performer Ida Red. Info: 626-7000.

Inner Child Intensive, an intro by Cathryn Taylor, MA, MFCC. Taylor, author of *The Inner Child Workbook* introduces her 33-week Intensive Series. 7-9 pm at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store. $15 admission fee may be applied to the Intensive fee. Pre-reg requested, call 924-8970 for details.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. Tonight & 10/19 & 26 at 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 753-0687.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Panel discussion on censorship, based on *Fiction International #22*, a special issue devoted to pornography, sex & censorship. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Discussion on teaching human rights to children—see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Karen Ripley. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Monday Night Marsh series, a venue for new work 15-20 min in length, continues with Roberta D'Alois' *Why I Will Never Be A Contestant on Jeopardy; Luis Juarez's Zero* Nina Nathan's *Out of Bounds* and Susan Van Allen's *One Day in the Life of Florence D'Ambrisi* (excerpts). 8:30 pm, $6. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

OCT 13 / T U E

Self-Healing Mastery: the Story & Techniques of Meir Schneider. Born blind & pronounced incurable after years of unsuccessful operations, Schneider developed a series of exercises which retrained his body & mind to see, and regained his vision, developing a new system of self-healing. Tonight's mini-workshop shows you how to tap into the body's powers of regeneration thru exercises that improve kinesthetic awareness & mobility, reduce tension and increase relaxation thru movement. Learn to overcome self-imposed boundaries & limitations, and new & practical ways to use your body to deal with a variety of chronic problems. 7-10 pm, $10. Spons by the Immune Power Foundation. Info/res: David Vachon 841-4739.

At SF Public Library: *Cowboys Are My Weakness*, a reading/discussion with autor Pam Houston. Houston reads from her collection of short stories. 7 pm in the Lurie Room, Main Library, Civic Center, SF. Info: 557-4277.

"The Inner Path to Success," a talk by the Rev Andrew Bozeman, minister at the Church of Amron. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

"AIDS Update: Implications for Auto-Immune conditions," a talk by renowned AIDS researcher Jay Levy, MD. Levy explains how AIDS research relates to auto-immune diseases like lupus, a chronic, systemic & inflammatory autoimmune disease that affects women almost ten times more frequently than men. 7-9 pm at UCSF's Laurel Heights campus. Info: (415) 673-6882 or (800) 464-6240.

At The Booksmith: William T Vollman reads from his new novel, *Fathers & Crows*. 7 pm, free. 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.

"Rainbow Voices, A Post/Colon/ial Poetic Celebration," with readings by Nicaragua's Ernesto Cardenal, plus Ana Castillo, Janice Mirikitani, Deborah Iyall & others at Glide Memorial Church, 330 Ellis St, SF. 7:30 pm, $8-15 SL in adv, $10-15 at door. Proceeds benefit Native American & Nicaraguan cultural resistance. Event co-spons by Glide, Modern Times Bookstore & New College of Calif. Adv tix available at Modern Times in SF and La Pena in Berkeley.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation tonight & 10/20 & 27 at The Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker, Berkeley. All bisexuals (& bi-friendly others) are welcome. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Panel discussion/wkshop with Ray Melville on literarcy & exploring the need for outreach to lesbian & gay people who are deprived of their cultural history because they are unable to read. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Panel discussion on the use of silicone gel implants. Panelists include Nancy Bruining, author of *Breast Implants: Everything You Need to Know* and attorney Nancy Hersh, who has won several cases against the makers of silicone-gel implants. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Rock Night at Thunder Bay with *Endangered Species, Angel of Thunder* and *Lenny in Cairo*. 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Dr at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley.

At Thunder Bay: *Endangered Species, Angel of Thunder* and *Lenny in Cairo*. 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Dr at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

At Cody's Books: Armistead Maupin reads from *Maybe the Moon*, his first work of fiction since the *Tales of the City* series. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

New Zealand Maori gay performer Neil Gudsell as Mika in "Juiced," at Josie's: After taking New Zealand & Australia by storm with his outrageous onstage antics, Gudsell takes his cabaret to SF for a ravishingly hilarious show starring his wild drag persona, Mika. 8 pm, $10 Plays Tuesdays tonight & 10/20 & 27 at 8 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Community Concert Series: *The Winds of Freedom* (seated version of the *SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band*) presents its bi-monthly evening of marches, show tunes, classical favorites, plus a few surprises! 8:15 pm, free. Bethany United Methodist Church, 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF.

OCT 14 / W E D

Come into the Sun: Conference on Young Women in Conflict with the Law: 9 am-5 pm at Pacific Bell Bldg, 370 3rd St, SF. Conference explores the sources of girls' invisibility, young women's perspectives and practical tools for advocacy. A gathering of over 40 local organizations to focus on making the issues & concerns of young girls a priority. Keynote speaker: Meda Chesney-Lind, PhD, chair of the Women's Studies Dept at the University of Hawaii, and author of *Girls, Delinquency and Juvenile Justice*. Info: 554-7630 or 252-2570.

Older Lesbians Drop-in Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets noon-2 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Today & 10/28. Bring a bag lunch. Info: 626-7000.

At ClaireLight Women's Book: Author Robbi Sommers (*Pleasures, Kiss & Tell*) reads from her latest book, *Uncertain Companions*. 6:30 pm. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

At Park Branch, SF Public Library: A Halloween reading by novelist Michael & poet Vampire Mike Kassel. 7 pm. 1833 Page St, SF. Info: 666-7155.

Course in Miracles Group spons by Marin BACW meets 7-9 pm tonight & 10/21 & 28. Study group promotes personal & spiritual growth. Spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Newcomers welcome! Call 453-9317.

"Self-Esteem & the 12 Steps," talk with Sheppard Kominars, PhD, author of *Accepting Ourselves*. Kominars addresses how to use Twelve Steps work to build self-esteem & develop coping skills. 7:30 pm, $5 at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

At Modern Times Bookstore: British author Lucy Goodison discusses her book, *Moving Heaven & Earth: Spirituality & Social Change*, a look at how patriarchy has separated mind from body and spirit from matter. Goodison bridges the gap between the hard realisms of the Left and the vague mysticisms of the New Age. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Author Thomas McGuane makes his only Bay Area bookstore appearance to read from his new novel, *Nothing but Blue Skies*, the adventures of a western speculator going broke, both emotionally & financially. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Jewish Women's Role in "keeping peace" in the home: A women's panel discussion & dialogue, followed by celebration & singing in the Succah. In honor of the Sukkot concept of "shelter," come take the opportunity to explore this theme in terms of our homes as places of security. Who is responsible for keeping the peace in the family? How are traditional and non-traditional Jewish families affected by the notion of Shalom Bayit? What issues arise for women when we think of Shalom Bayit? Discussion followed by a celebration of women's strength in the Succah. 7:30-9:30 pm, free (donations accepted) at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St at Presidio, SF. Menorah Park 4 room. Free childcare. Produced by Shalom Bayit, the Jewish Women's Task Force of the Northern Calif Coalition for Battered Women & Their Children. Info: Claire 346-6040 ext 3054.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Panel discussion & reading led by D-L Alvarez on the light & dark sides of humor in gay & lesbian writing. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0892.

RaW Materials presents "Indecent Materials," at Josie's. See the West Coast premiere of this theater piece based on the words of Larry Kramer & Senator Jesse Helms. Performance is pure political theater—the juxtaposition of two radically different points of view. The first section is culled from Helms' Senate speeches on such topics as obscenity, art & homosexuality, with the focus on the Mapplethorpe photos & the NEA. The second section is adapted from an essay by activist/writer Larry Kramer about his life as a gay man ten years into the AIDS pandemic. Tonight's performance is a benefit for Mobilization Against AIDS. Show plays Wed-Sun, tonight thru 11/1, at 8 pm. Benefit tix $20, regular tix: $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Faster Pussycat! Club: *Wilma Don't Tap* Doors open at 8 pm at The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

Poetry at Cody's: Donald Revell & Claudia Keelan read from their work. 8 pm, $2. Upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Rock Night at Thunder Bay with *Pupcage, Pawpaw Blowtorch, Grady Sisters* and special guests. 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Dr at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley.

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Off the Hook with Dr Bob: Radio talk show focused on issues of addiction & recovery. 10-11 am on KEST-AM 1450. Today's program: "Shame & Pride: Affect, Sex & the Birth of the Self," a talk with Donald Nathanson, MD.

Spaghetti Feed/Comedy Night Benefit for Tom Nolan: Proceeds help repay his congressional campaign debt. Entertainment with comic Tom Ammiano, and other fine talents. 5:30-9 pm, $15 donation. Local 1781 Machinist Hall, 1511 Rollins Rd, Burlingame. Info: Charlene shores at (510) 538-9722 or (415) 572-8848.

Rainbow's End, group for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth ages 14-23, meets tonight. See 10/8 listing for details.

"Making Every Day Count," Shanti Project's 4th annual dinner at the Grand Hyatt on Union Square, SF. Tribute to people with HIV/AIDS, volunteers & community friends who have made significant contributions to AIDS care in SF. This event is one of Shanti's largest fundraisers. Individual dinner tix: $150, $1500 for a table of ten. For info call Mark Fantone 777-2273.

Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People: A two-evening seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel at Marin Community College. Tonight & 10/22, 7-9:30 pm. Seminar teaches small business owners & independent contractors how to keep financial records, what expenses are tax-deductible, how to make quarterly estimated tax payments, & ways of reducing the chance of an audit. $62. Info/reg: 485-9657.

Final Cut?! A community gathering to support SF State University's Cinema Dept & public education. Local Oscar-winning filmmakers Irving Saraf & Allie Light (*In the Shadow of the Stars*); Debra Chasnoff (*Deadly Deception*) and Steven Okazaki (*Days of Waiting*) host this event to celebrate SF State's Cinema Dept as a vital source of energy & new vision to the Bay Area film community, and to protest the proposed budget cuts & cutbacks in public education. Tonight's program includes films & appearances by students & faculty members, past & present. Also entertainment by comics Tom Ammiano & Maureen Brownsey, music by *The Violets* and country blues musicians Yasha & Carrie Aginsky. 7 pm, $7 gen'l, $4 stdnts & srs. Info: 552-FILM.

"Writing & Community: Jazz," a reading & open discussion with Quincy Troupe, Elaine Cohen & Alisa Clancy, moderated by Michael Palmer at Western Addition Branch, SF Public Library, 1550 Scott St, SF. 7 pm. Info: 292-2160.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Armistead Maupin reads from his new novel, *Maybe the Moon*, his first work of fiction since his *Tales of the City* series. 7:30 pm, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Lesbian Community: What Role Do We Play in It?" led by Debbie. All women welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Panel discussion & reading led by Marie Morohoshi & Tommi Avicolli Mecca on lesbians & gays of color who write, and how their work affects their community. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0892.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Mexican author Laura Esquivel reads from the recently published English translation of her novel, *Like Water for Chocolate/Coma Agua Para Chocolate*, the chronicle of a woman's life thru reminiscences, recipes & gossip. Book was at the top of the Mexican bestsellers list for two years. Don't miss! 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

New Horizons, social/support group for young adults in their 20s, meets tonight. Topic: "Mixed Race Relationships." 7:45 pm drop-in time for new members, 8-9:30 pm mtg. Isabel Cook Center, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo. Room 18. Info: 457-3523.

At Cody's Books: Author Irvin D Yalom (*Love's Executioner*) reads from his newest book, *When Nietzsche Wept*. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Helen Vozenilek & other contributors read from *Loss of the Ground Note*, a stunning and captivating collection of stories by daughters about the death of their mother. 8 pm, $3-10 benefits Women's Voices, the cultural events series of Old Wives' Tales. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

RaW Materials in "Indecent Materials," at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/14.

At DNA Lounge: Australia's *Kangaroo Moon, Skyclad* from Marin County and Florence Dore & Band, from Tennessee via Boston. 9 pm, $5. 375 11th St, SF.

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1st African American Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transsexual Conference: Today & tmw at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Today's program is open to African Americans only, tomorrow's program open to Asian Pacific Islanders, Spanish speakers, European Americans, Native Americans, Jewish & other ethnic group members who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transsexual. 8 am-6 pm, registration starts at 8:30. $28 for 2 days, $25 for 1 day. Spons by the Nat'l Task Force on AIDS Prevention and the Gay & Lesbian Studies Dept of City College of SF. Info: Midgett 648-3658 or Dewitt Hoard 641-7971.

Buddhist Retreat for Lesbians led by Arinna Weisman at Joshua Tree, Calif. 11/13-15. All levels of practice welcome! info/reg: Jim Hopper (213) 665-7686.

Success Without Goals Wkshop: Weekend workshop at Harbin Hot Springs. An opportunity to experience & practice the techniques that lead to real success without the goal process. Today thru Sun. Info/res: 550-9099.

Writing Women's Autobiography: Learn to access this powerful tool for self-discovery, creativity & understanding. Privacy respected. Wkshop explores women's autobiographical process in a safe, supportive atmosphere. Bring pen, notepad & your ideas. Open to beginning & experienced writers. 1-5 pm, $45. Info/reg: Janet 474-4656. Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. **At Dark Carnival** Bookstore: Author Francesca Lia Block (*Wheetzie Bat, Witch Baby*) reads from her new story, "In Search of Angel Juan," and signs copies of her newest work, *Cherokee Bat & the Goat Guys*, plus the new *Witch Baby* paperback. Angel & goat theme refreshments served. 6-8 pm. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757 or (510) THE-DARK.

Fat Fridays—All fat dykes & fat queer womyn are welcome to join us in celebrating the end of the week, life in the fat lane! 6-8 pm at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, SF. Info: Susan (510) 658-3300.

Country Western dance lesssons spons by Marin BACW—see 10/9.

"Spirituality in Business: the New Leadership," a talk by Roseanne Roberts, SF-based career advisor & business consultant. Roberts discusses her recent trip to the Findhorn Community in northern Scotland, discovering a new model of leadership which she has incorporated into her work, combining her spiritual belief system with business practice. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Women's erotic novel writer Robbie Sommers (*Kiss & Tell*) reads from her new collection of erotica, *Uncertain Companions*. Refreshments served. 7:30 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Art critic/historian Allen Ellenzweig discusses his new book, *The Homoerotic Photograph: Male Images from Dureau/Delacroix to Mapplethorpe*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Mama Bears: Rashida Oji in concert. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

RaW Materials in "Indecent Materials" at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/14.

At Cody's Books: Rev Cecil Williams, pastor of Glide Memorial Church in SF, discusses his new book, *No Hiding Place*, the story of Glide Church, the people who make it work & how its programs may present a blueprint for the recovery of America's troubled inner cities. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

"Living in Ether," and other deconstruction dances by local choreographer Cid Pearlman, performed by Nesting Dolls, a new dance collective. Tonight thru 10/19, and 10/23-25 at 8:30 pm. Tix $7-10, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/res: 255-8510. 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina St SF.

Decadent Video Double Feature: Catch this showing of two local, dyke-produced underground videos at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe & Gallery, 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF. See *Snatch: A Radical Dykehorror* at 9:30 pm and *Dykeadence: Revised Edition* (s/m porn) at 8 & 10:30 pm. $5 donation. Tonight & tmw. For more info call Alice Brave 292-3284.

Comic Tom Ammiano in "Wrists II," at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/9 listing for details.

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WomanCycles II: A Conference About Menopause, spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Features a multicultural slate of women's health professionals discussing a variety of topics including: hormone replacement therapy, holistic approaches, nutritional options & other resources. Speakers: Sadja Greenwood, MD; Mary Martin, MD; Norma McCoy, PhD; and Laura Brainin-Rodriguez, RD, MPH. 8 am-5 pm, $5-25 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 476-0400.

1st African American Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transsexual Conference: See 10/16 listing for details. Final day!

Pegasus Motorcycle Club Overnite Run to the Gold Country—"26 Men & A Ghost"—for info/res call Allen 389-0905.

Shanti Project Support Group Facilitator Training: For people who wish to facilitate support groups targeting gay/bisexual men of color, transgendered persons with HIV, persons experiencing multiple loss, women with HIV, HIV-negative gay/bisexual men, heterosexual men with HIV, or other special focus groups. For details call 777-CARE.

Inspiration Pt/Tilden Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Grizzly Peak to either South Park Dr or Shasta Rd. Continue on to Wildcat Canyon Rd & follow Wildcat Canyon to Inspiration Pt. Meet 9 am in parking lot on left. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

3rd Annual SF Hiking Club Hike from Mountain Home to Mountain Theatre, Mt Tam: Moderate 6.5 mile hike with 1100 ft elevation gain. $6 cost per car includes gasoline & bridge toll, to be shared among passengers. Bring lunch, water, sweater or windbreaker. Rain cancels. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign, Dolores & Market, SF. Info: Joseph Itiel 647-0574.

Women & Money Wkshop: Designed for women who want to improve their cash management skills (budgeting, debt control) & develop a sound finan-

cial plan, including investments & retirement planning. Also discussion on understanding one's own attitudes toward money, and eliminating the fears & guilt that often pervade those attitudes. Special attention paid to the needs of women in relationships or trying to manage cash & plan a future with their partner. 9:30 am-4:30 pm, $145. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info/reg: (510) 649-5884.

Pain & Possibility: Writing Your Way Through Crisis: one-day intensive writing workshop led by author/scholar Gabriele Rico. Wkshop teaches tools for gaining access to and expressing emotions, learning to transform them in positive ways. 9:30 am-4:30 pm, $65. UC Extension Center, 55 Laguna St off Market, SF. Info/reg: (510) 642-4111.

Beyond Breaking Up: Wkshop for lesbians on emotional detachment and rebuilding your life. 10 am-4 pm. For info/reg: Mary Butler, MFCC (510) 601-6445.

Children's Story & Feeling Time at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store—see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

At Two Sisters Bookshop: Raven Dreaming Circle for Women. 1-4 pm, $35. Enter into the sacred dreamtime of the ancestors within a circle of women healers & visionaries. Share dreams, make a dreaming bundle to honor our future dreaming. Led by Raven. Info: Victoria 726-HAWK.

Lesbian/Gay Athletes of So. Bay!! Peninsula Area Games Assoc (PAGA), the Southbay's umbrella group for Gay Games '94 sports/athletes, is having its first organizing meeting at The Savoy, 3546 Flora Vista, Santa Clara. 4 pm! Call (408) 279-0974 for details. See you there.

An Eve with Children's Book Press at Modern Times Bookstore, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

BWMT Rap: Join Black & White Men Together for a discussion with LGADDA (Lesbians & Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action). Come talk about the upcoming election, clear up any confusion you may have about the issues & personalities. At All Saint's Church, 1350 Waller St, SF. Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap starts at 7.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Conservative Republican activist Marvin Liebman reads & discusses his new memoir, *Coming Out Conservative*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

14 Years in 1 Night: A one-night-only retrospective benefit performance presented by A Traveling Jewish Theatre. Ensemble members Helen Stolzfus, Naomi Newman, Albert Greenberg and Corey Fischer perform highlights from the company's award-winning original productions, including *Coming from a Great Distance* (1979) *The Last Yiddish Poet* (1980), *A Dance of Exile* (1982), *Berlin, Jerusalem & the Moon* (1985), *Trotsky & Frida: The Musical* (1986), *Snake Talk: Urgent Messages from the Mother* (1988), *Heart of the World* (1989) and *Sometimes We Need A Story More Than Food* (1991). Gala reception with the artists follow performance. 8 pm, $50 includes reception. Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave at Derby, Berkeley. Info/res: 399-1809.

RaW Materials in "Indecent Materials" at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/14.

Big Fag of the 18th Century: Slideshow/lecture on the life & work of gay archeologist, art historian & tour guide Johann Joachim Winckelmann (1717-1768) presented by Bradley Rose at Bound Together Bookstore, 1369 Haight St, SF. 8 pm, $5-10 suggested donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Benefit for the Nomenus Radical Faery Sanctuary.

At Mama Bears: Over Our Heads group (Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson, Marian Damon) in a night of comedy improv & music. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Second City Touring Co present an evening of comedy titled "Economy of Errors" tonight at Stanford University's Memorial Auditorium. A lampoon of modern life, and its political, social & cultural ramifications. 8 pm. Tix $22-16. $3 discount for stdnts. Info/res: 725-ARTS. Tix available at BASS/TM, call (510) 762-BASS, (408) 998-BASS.

Dance Brigade present their popular work, "Goodbye Columbus," a multicultural journey across the social landscape of the Americas. Night of modern dance woven together with ethnic dance forms & electronic sounds with folk & indigenous music, combined with moving portrayals of African, Asian, Native & Latin American women to create a tapestry of resistance & celebration. 8 pm, $12 adv, $14 at door. Victoria Theater, 2961 16th St, SF. Tix available at Mama Bears & La Pena in the Eastbay, Modern Times Bookstore in SF. Info: (510) 465-3686.

Clean & Sober Dance: Fundraiser to benefit the 1st African American Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transsexual Conference: 8 pm-midnight, $10. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: Mary Midgett 648-3658 or Dewitt Hoard 641-7971.

"Living in Ether," dance performance at 1800 Square Feet, see 10/16.

Isn't It Romantic? 4th Annual Dinner & Dance benefit for the Billy De Frank Lesbian & Gay Community Center, and its AIDS outreach efforts. Entertainment by *Hot Ice Band*. At the Red Lion Inn, San Jose. For tix, time & other info call (408) 293-AGAY.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret: Lots of laughs with comics Danny Williams, Karen Ripley & Nora Frala. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Queer Rock with *Pansy Division* at The Chameleon, joined by *Sister Psychic* (from Seattle), and *Tiny Pie*. 11 pm. 853 Valencia St, SF.

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At A Different Light Bookstore: Editor/writer John Preston reads and discusses the anthologies *A Member of the Family* and *Hometowns*, plus reads from his Badboy books. 1 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Mystery writer Michael Nava reads from his latest in the Henry Rios thriller series, *The Hidden Law*. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Remembering Who We Really Are: Wkshop at Two Sisters Bookshop, with Leslie Schneider. Focus on reconnecting with our true selves. Use guided visualizations to return to the points in time where you may have gotten off track, been misled by your abilities or agreed to someone else's vision of you. Learn how to release these thought patterns & open a space where truth is affirmed & transformation occurs. 3-5 pm, $25. 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Info/reg: Leslie (408) 265-5376.

At A Different Light Bookstore: "Outspoken Literary Series I" with authors Jean Stewart, Robert Westley, Nisa Donnelly, Djola Bernard, Jess Wells and John Gilgun. 4:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

People First: Elect Clinton/Gore Benefit at Thunder Bay! 5 pm-1 am, $8-20. Bands (*Motordude Zydeco, Handsome Poets, Eye Land, Vox Humana, Morning Reign, Barefoot, Number Nine* and *Slough Feg*); comics (Randy Hauser, Warren Spottswood, Steve Carey & Rob Jacobsen); emcee KNEW's Sam Van Zandt and special guests. One Bolivar Dr at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley.

Bi's for Bill spons another fabulous Clinton/Gore fundraiser, 6:30 pm-1 am, at the Eastbay's popular dance club, Thunder Bay, 1 Bolivar Dr, nr Aquatic Park, Berkeley (phone 510/843-5582. Food provided, $8-20 SL donation requested. Volunteers needed & welcome!—help decorate the club, set the bands up. Volunteers get to eat free & go to the afternoon party, which starts at 2 pm. Call Bill (510) 540-0869 if you'd like to become part of the team. Call Pierre (415) 753-0687 for rides from SF.

Women Performers for Women Candidates: Benefit for local women candidates spons by the Marin Women's Fund and JR Productions. Music & spoken word performances to benefit Barbara Boxer (US Senate), Lynn Woolsey (US Congress) and Dotty LeMieux (Marin County Board of Supervisors). Also in honor of Vivien Bronshvag (State Assembly) and Annette Rose & Betty Times (Marin County Board of Supervisors). Performers: Ferron, *Nicholas, Glover & Wray*, Barbara Borden, Naomi Newman and Terry Garthwaite. 5:30-6:30 pm reception includes light buffet, 7-10 pm concert performance. Tix: $150-250 sponsor, $60 donor, $25 reserved seats. Tix at BASS (510) 762-BASS.

At A Different Light Bookstore: "Outspoken Literary Series II," with authors Sharon Gilligan, Chea Villanueva, Linda Kay Silva, Stephen Corbin, Thom Bean and Anna Livia. 7 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

RaW Materials in "Indecent Materials," at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/14 listing for details.

Visions of Murderous Desire: An evening of films that explore the visual dynamics of murder in cinema, an exploration of the fascination that murder holds for classical Hollywood & nonnarrative cinema alike; looking at the confluence of vision, violence & sexuality in the body of the image in radically different styles, traditions, and histories of filmmaking. See *Peeping Tom*, the story of a young filmmaker, abused as a child by his scientist father, who is compelled to film women as he kills them with his camera. Also *Kali Film: I Spit On Your Grave*, a found-footage compilation exposing (mis)representation of female sexuality & violence in popular movies. Film blends slasher, sex & hooror film footage with incongruously scored classical music & celestial choirs. 8 pm, $5. SF Art Institute Lecture Hall, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Event presented by SF Camerawork, in conjunction with their "Murder as Phenomena," photo exhibit on display 10/16-11/21 at SF Camerwork, 70 12th St, SF.

"Living in Ether," dance performance at 1800 Square Feet, see 10/16.

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OCT 19 / MON

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 10/12.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Alberto Villoldo (*The Four Winds*) discusses his new book, *Journey to the Island of the Sun: The Return to the Lost City of Gold*, a chronicle of his search for Vilcabamba, the fabled lost Inca city of gold. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Author illustrator Nick Bantock (*Griffin & Sabine*) gives a slideshow/discussion of his new novel, *Sabine's Notebook: In Which the Extraordinary Correspondence of Griffin & Sabine Continues*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Spalding Gray headlines the Solo Mio Alumni Performance Party, a benefit for Solo Mio 4. See a stellar lineup of Solo Mio alumni strut their stuff in this finale to the Solo Mio Festival. Other performers include David Cale, Holly Hughes, Anne Galjour, Josh Kornbluth, Rhodessa Jones & Idris Ackamoor, Rosalie Sorrels and Brenda Wong Aoki. Live jazz with the *Soma Quartet*. 8 pm, $25-50. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Tix at BASS (510) 762-BASS.

parents & kids box

Human Rights for Children: *A Curriculum for Teaching Human Rights to Children Ages 3-12*: Discussion of this teaching guide developed by Amnesty International. 10/12, 7:30 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St, SF.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) Schedule: 10/6, 7:30 pm, Kol Nidre; 10/7, 10 am Morning & Children's Service; 10/7, 3:15 pm Minchah; 10/7 5 pm Yiskor (Memorial & & Ne'ilah. Due to space limitations, only Sha'ar Zahav members & their guests will be seated in the main sanctuary for Yom Kippur evening services. All others are welcomed to join in addt'l seating areas. Donations welcome. Childcare & SIGN available. Wheelchair Accessible. Services led by Rabbi Yoel Kahn & Ritual Committee members. Unitarian Center, Franklin & Geary Sts, SF. Info: 861-6932.

Goblin Jamboree at Bay Area Discovery Museum: 10/24 10 am-4 pm, 10/25 noon-4 pm. Haunted House, trick-or-treat doors, magicians, pony rides & carousel. Small activities fee, admission to museum is free. Come in costume, or just come! Bay Area Discovery Museum, 557 East Fort Baker, Sausalito. Info: 332-9646.

Jack O'Lantern Jamboree at Children's Fairyland, 1520 Lakeside Drive, Oakl. 10/29 & 30, 6:30-9 pm, 10/31 noon-2:30 pm and 5:30-8 pm. 14th annual jamboree provides exciting lineup of Halloween entertainment/activities for kids & their families: rides & attractions (haunted tunnel, fright train, Pirate's Cove); trick or treat trail (costumed characters greet trick or treaters 12 yrs of age or under at different locations throughout the park, make sure the kids bring their own bags); Professor Phear's Carnival (games of chance & skill for young goblins); plus hours of entertainment on two stages—jugglers, storytellers, magicians, etc; food & drink and lots of fun, don't miss! Tix $3.75 each, 50 cents extra for some rides. Info: (510) 452-0584. This event sells out regularly, so get your tix early.

Boy into Man: Bernard Weiner, former *SF Chron* theater critic and author of *Boy Into Man: A Fathers' Guide to Initiation of Teenage Sons*, discusses his new book based on Weiner's rite of passage ceremonies conducted with other fathers & their teenage sons. Book shows how fathers can relate to their sons in a new, more meaningful way. 10/8, 7:30 pm at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040. $5.

Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Halloween Party: 10/25, 3-5 pm. For info/location call 457-1115.

Children's Festival of Nature: 10/11, 12:30-3:30 pm at the Calif Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, SF. Journey into the wonders of nature with multicultural storytellers, a rainforest puppet show & hands-on crafts, including facepainting. Also meet several bestselling children's book authors & visit the "Windows to Our World" exhibit of chidren's art from around the world. Event includes a variety of music & refreshments. Tix: Under 5—free, 6-11—$1, 12-17—$3, Adults—$6.

Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852. Call to confirm reading schedule.

Eureka Valley Public Library Branch Children's Programs: 10/6 at 10:30 am: Deans Keppel performs **Native American stories & songs** for kids ages 6 & above (groups must reserve space by calling the children's librarian). 10/13 at 10:30 am: June Tolbert presents Kindermusic—**songs & early music awareness** for individual kids ages 2-4, with their parents/caregivers. 10/20 at 10:30 am: **Halloween stories & craft program** for individual kids ages 3-5. 3555 16th St btwn Noe & Sanchez, SF. Info: 554-9445.

Saturdays at the Randall Museum: Programs for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Classes last 1-2 hrs. Classes start at 1 pm, sign-ups begin at 12:30 pm. Come early, space limited. Call 554-9600 for schedule & other info.

Animal Talk at the Randall Museum: Every Sat. Drop-in 12-12:30 pm and 2:15-2:45 pm. All ages, kids under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. No reg required. Chance to see some of the Randall's animals close up and in person. Call 554-9600 for info.

Children's Programs at La Pena: 10/10, 10:30 am, kids $2, adults $3: **Mascaritas Puppet Theater** presents "The Hungry Wolf," an adaptation of the Little Red Riding Hood story. 10/24, 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids: **Native American Kathy Martinez** (Achumawi/Apache) tells stories from different cultural areas of the US. 10/31 at 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids: **Plum City Players** prsent a not-very-scary Halloween show with songs, music, games & stories. 10/31 at 2 pm, $5 adults, $2 kids: **Hawaii & Belize**: A program for the whole family. Concert with Sissy Kaio from Hawaii and Chatuye from Belize. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

CultureJam: Free outdoor family concert in the garden of the Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St (at 10th, nr Lake Merritt BART), Oakl. 10/18. Noon-5:30 pm. Entertainers include: Miss Faye Carol with pianist Kito Gamble; EW Wainwright and *The African Roots of Jazz*; percussionist Mosheh Milon and the Bantaba Dance Ensemble, featuring a West African stilt dancer; *Street Sounds* and others. Concert is "K-Rated: No adult admitted unless accompanied by a child"—NOT! But there will be free arts & crafts activity booths for kids, plus food & vendors. Don't miss—call (510) 451-5231 for details. Spons by Koncepts Cultural Gallery & the Oakland Museum.

Parenting in the '90s: workshop with Debbie Freed & Lee Ann Slaton. 6:30-8 pm, 10/22. $7, $10/couple. Topic: 'School Daze," focus on options & solutions for parents of schoolage children regarding homework, morning rush, lunches, etc, led by Lee Ann Slaton, MS. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

The Parenting Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services presents the final 1992 series of their popular "Choosing Children" program. Two-day event (11/7 & 8) features panel discussions on specific topics related to becoming a parent and on the variety of choices possible in creating lesbian, gay & bisexual families. Topics discussed include: legal issues, getting pregnant, adoption, choices in pregnancy & birth and lesbians, gay men & bisexuals creating family together. Pre-reg required, early registration strongly advised. Limited number of work exchange slots available, childcare provided. Info: Cynthia Chan, Program Director, 565-7674.

Children's Story & Feeling Time at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. 10/17, 1-1:45 pm for 4-8 yr olds, 2-2:45 pm for 8 & older. Renowned storyteller Diana De Regnier presents an afternoon of stories, songs & other surprises. Children are invited to share & explore their feelings in an atmosphere of fun and gentle support. Kids examine the joys & toughness of life, from self-esteem issues to family situations, but ending always with something to lift the spirits. Free. Info: 924-8970.

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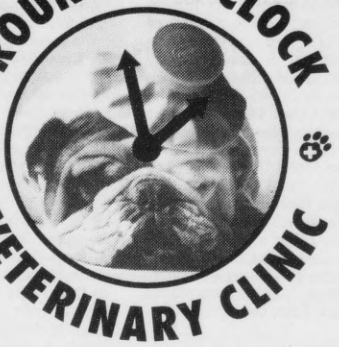

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At Cody's Books: Buddhist master Sogyal Rinpoche discusses *The Tibetan Book of Living & Dying*, his accessible, lyrical & inspiration exposition of Tibetan teachings; inspired by the wisdom of Tibetan texts yet grounded in modern scientific research & contemporary culture. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Karen Ripley. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Monday Night Marsh series features Marga Gomez in a rework of her hit show, *Memory Tricks*, in anticipation of an upcoming East Coast tour. 8:30 pm, $6. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.
"Living in Ether," dance performance at 1800 Square Feet, see 10/16.

OCT 20 / T U E

Camping at Fife's for people with HIV/AIDS, spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. Pitch your tent for overnight camping under the redwoods—free! To register, carpool, volunteer or loan camping equipment, call Shanti 777-2273.
"The Forming Tidal Wave of Change & Transpersonal Astrology," a talk by Leo Talarico at Amron Metaphysical Center. 7 pm. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Cartoonist/author Allison Bechdel (*Dykes to Watch Out For, More Dykes to Watch Out For, Dykes to Watch Out For: The Sequel*) gives a slideshow/talk detailing her development from toddler doodler to widely syndicated cartoon artist, and signs copies of the *Dykes to Watch Out For Calendar*. 7:30 pm, $4-8 donation. 888 Valencia St, SF.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: LA's *Lesbian News* columnist Marilyn Murphy reads from *Are You Girls Traveling Alone?* and other adventures in lesbian logic. 8 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Women's Voices, the cultural events series of OWT's bookstore. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.
Reggae Night at Thunder Bay with *Burning Bush*. One Bolivar Dr at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley.
At Cody's Books: Author Mark Leyner (*My Cousin, My Gastroenterologist*) reads from his hilarious new book, *Et Tu, Babe*. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
New Zealand Maori gay performer Neil Gudsell brings his show, "Juiced," to Josie's Cabaret, see 10/13.
At Thunder Bay: Reggae night! Call (510) 548-0706 for details. One Bolivar Dr at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley.

OCT 21 / W E D

Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:30 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Topic: "The Gay Topic of the Day in Current Politics." Led by George Birimisa. Info: 626-7000.
"A Lesbian View of the Gay Movement," presentation/discussion by author Margaret Cruikshank about her new book, *The Gay & Lesbian Liberation Movement*. 7 pm at Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial Branch, SF Public Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 7 pm. Info: 554-9445.
Q-Force: World premiere of this gay sci-fi spoof of 50s TV serials. Three men are confined in the constricted quarters of a space ship when cupid comes calling. 7 pm reception, 8 pm screening, $5. Delancey Street Screening Room, 600 Embarcadero (opposite Pier 36), SF. Tix available at Buffalo Whole Foods & Grain Co, 598 Castro at 19th, SF. Info: 626-7038.
Marin BACW Course in Miracles Group—see 10/14 listing for details.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Toby Sonneman discusses her book, *Fruit Fields in My Blood: Okie Migrants in the West*, winner of the Western States Book Award for creative nonfiction. 7:30 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St, SF.
Beat the Devil—Dump Bush! a speakout with controversial columnist Alexander Cockburn and esteemed Bay Area civil rights attorney Eva Jefferson Paterson. A look at national & local election issues & personalities, each speaker will examine the effects of various candidates' positions on people of color, women, lesbians & gays, the poor, the Bay Area and the nation as a whole. 7:30 pm, $10 gen'l, $5 stdnts, srs & low income. $25 tix includes reception preceding the event. Proceeds benefit the Middle East Children's Alliance. Martin Luther King Jr High School, 1781 Rose St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0542.
Poet/Novelist Michael Brownstein (*Country Cousins, Music from the Evenings of the World*) reads from his new novel, *The Touch*, forthcoming from Semiotext(e). 7:30 pm, $5, $3 stdnts. Lecture Hall, SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.
At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: Dr Martin Blinder, author/psychiatrist/screenwriter, discusses his new book *Choosing Lovers: Patterns of Romance, How You Select Partners in Intimacy, the Ways You Connect, and Why You Break Apart*. 7:30 pm. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
RaW Materials presents "Indecent Materials," at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/14.
Poetry at Cody's: Jose Antonio Burciaga & Luis Rodriguez read from their work. 8 pm, $2. Upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
At Faster Pussycat! See *Malibu Barbie*. Doors open at 8 pm at The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.
Rock Night at Thunder Bay with *Grinch, Hell's Kitchen* and *Paste*. One Bolivar Dr at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley.
Rock for Choice: Bands raise their voices to keep abortion safe and legal. 9 pm at the Kennel Club, SF, with *Bomb, Grotus, Stone Fox, Fungo Mungo, Mofessionals, Aztlan Nation, Consolidated, World Entertainment War, Calamity Jane, 4 Non Blondes, Psychefunkapus, Wild Brides/Blind Tom, Rap for Choice, Yoyo, Chill E B/Angel, The Poetess/Coco Quick*. Tix $10. All proceeds benefit Bay Area Women's Clinics and the Feminist Majority Foundation & Fund. Tix at BASS.

OCT 22 / T H U

Off the Hook with Dr Bob: Radio talk show focused on issues of addiction & recovery. 10-11 am on KEST-AM 1450. Today's program: "Is Your Life Filled, Yet Unfilled?" talk with Kevin W McCarthy.
Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Rainbow's End, group for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth ages 14-23, meets tonight & 10/29. First-time visitors drop-in (all first-time visitors should attend) 5:30-6 pm, gen'l mtg 6-7:30 pm. For mtg location call 457-1115, to leave a message call 457-3523 (messages picked up Thurs eves). Spons by Spectrum.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Lesbian Sex: What do you like to do, how can you get more of it?" led by Marilyn. All women welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.
At Cody's Books: Graeme Base signs copies of his new book, *The Sign of the Seahorse*, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.
New Horizons, social/support group for young adults in their 20s, meets tonight. Topic: "Internalized Homophobia." 7:45 pm drop-in time for new members, 8-9:30 pm mtg. Isabel Cook Center, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo. Info: 457-3523.
RaW Materials presents "Indecent Materials" at Josie's Cabaret. Night of fine political theater. Piece based on the words of activist/writer Larry Kramer & Senator Jesse Helms. Play runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, thru 11/1. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
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Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous support group meets 8-9:30 pm. Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakland. Info: (510) 839-8844.

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Master European Paintings," from the National Gallery of Ireland, thru 12/6. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.
SF Museum of Modern Art: Photos by Linda Connor capturing sacred sites & spiritual artifacts, on exhibit 10/15-1/3. "Wright Morris: Origin of a Species," photos & words capturing America's vernacular past, on exhibit thru 11/1. 1992 SEC/Art Award exhibit, thru 11/8. Luciano Fabaro: A Retrospective, 10/1-11/29. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.
Asian Art Museum: "Brushstrokes: Styles & Techniques of Chinese Painting," on exhibit 10/14-1/3. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission $5 gen'l, $3 srs, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Info: 668-7855.
SF Camerawork: "Finstere Medine," (Dark District), a work-in-progress by Shimon Attie, using pre-war photos made in a formerly Jewish neighborhood near Berlin. "Our Bodice, Our Selves," an installation by Deborah Small bringing together two literary phenomena separated by hundreds of years, the New World-inspired "captivity narrative" and the contemporary "bodice-ripper" romance novel. Exhibit runs thru 10/10. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.
Judah L Magnes Museum: Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.
Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "This is the American Earth," photos by Ansel Adams, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Eliot Porter, William Garnett, Edward Weston, Minor White & others, with narrative text by Newhall; thru 11/8. "Max Yavno: A Remembrance,", photo exhibit runs thru 11/8. "Open Space/Lukas Felzmann: Muse & Restraint," thru 11/8. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.
Cartoon Art Museum: "Pogo Golden Anniversary," an exhibit of the works of Walt Kelly, one of the first socially-conscious cartoonists; thru 1/3. "Dangle Meets Dolezal," from the pages of the *SF Bay Guardian*, thru 11/1. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.
The Clay Studio: "Beyond the Armory III," group show of artist working at the Clay Studio, 10/9-11/8. 52 Julian St, SF. Hrs: Wed, Fri & Sat, 10 am-5 pm, or by appt. Info: 431-6296.
Eye Gallery: "Living With the Enemy," photos by Donna Ferrato, a chilling visual chronicle of domestic violence. Exhibit runs thru 10/10. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Thurs noon-7 pm, Fri-Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 922-0706.
New Langton Arts: "I Pissed on the Man Who Called Me a Dog," a site-dependent installation by Daniel J Martinez, with collaborators Vinzula Kara & Mitchel Frank. An examination of behavior linked to the conditions of urban society. Exhibit runs thru 10/17. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.
Robert Koch Gallery: "Carry Me Home," exhibit of black & white photographs of southwestern Louisiana, by Debbie Fleming Caffery; thru 10/17. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.
SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Classical Chinese Furniture," thru 11/1. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.
University Art Museum: "Mikhail O Dlugach: Cinema Posters of the Russian Avant-garde," 26 film posters from the 1920s-1930s, on exhibit thru 10/11 in the Theater Gallery. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.
Richmond Art Center: Civic Center Plaza, Baird & 25th St, Richmond. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.
The Jewish Museum: 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.
Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "The Second Day," works on paper by Dean Smith. On exhibit thru 10/17. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.
KBBK Studios: Hrs: 3-6 pm Thurs and Fri, 2-5 pm Sat, and by appt. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Info: 563-9046.
Morphos Gallery: Comprehensive exhibit of photos by black & white photos by the int'lly renowned artist Charles Gatewood. 7-10 pm. Artist present to sign copies of his newest book *Primitives: Tribal Body Art & the Left-Handed Path*. Exhibit runs throughout the month. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm, Thurs noon-9:30 pm, and by appt. Info: 626-1936.
MACE Space for Art: "Ginnungagap," paintings by Bjarni Sigurbjornsson, thru 10/11. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.
Vision Gallery: "Oliver Gagliani: Vintage Contact Prints," photos on exhibit thru 11/14. "Robert Doisneau: A Birthday Tribute," photos on exhibit thru 11/14. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.
"Use Gender As a Sex Toy," window installation at ATA by Liz Canning. Video, sculpture & 2-D collage using cultural images of sexuality to both criticize & celebrate gender, while offering its own version of a truly erotic aesthetic. ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
Fanciful drawings by Robert de Roos at Modesto Lanzone's Restaurant, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Exhibit runs thru mid-Oct.
Sumi Ink Paintings & Monotypes by Beth Katz, on exhibit at Bella Art & Frames, 347 9th St at Folsom, SF. 10/1-27. Artist's reception 10/10, noon-4 pm. Info: 861-8389. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-6 pm, Sat 10 am-4 pm.

on stage

Ethel's on Broadway New musical from B.B. & Deaf Cat productions, the producers of Psycho the Musical and What Ever Happened to BB Jane? open-ended run at the On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Fri & Sat at 11:30 pm, tix $7. Info/res: 626-KILL, 398-1541.
Medusa's Last Stand by Colm Wood. A megalomaniac businesswoman, frustrated at being stuck in a middle management position because of her gender, plans a new society in which her male secretary will be the prototype servant and she will be the absolute master. Theatre Pomegranate production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, thru 10/10. Tix $4-8 SL. 495 Clementina btwn 5th & 6th, Folsom & Howard, SF. Info/res: 512-7965.
Abundance by Beth Henley. The story of two mail-order brides who survive the hostile environment of the male-dominated frontier. Actors Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/18. Tix $14 Thurs & Sun, $16 Fri & Sat. Matinee 10/11 at 2 pm, $14. The Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.
Speed the Plow by David Mamet. High-velocity comedy set in contemporary Hollywood's Valley of the Deals. Berkeley Repertory Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 10/23. Sat matinees at 2 pm on 10/10. Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 10/15 & 22. Tix: $24 Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sun; $31 Fri & Sat, $23 matinees. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison at Shattuck, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.
Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii by Allan Stratton. Comic contemporary farce, a classic romp of mistaken identity, sexual entendre & screwball characters. Spotted Owl production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 10/18. Tix $8 previews, $15 Fri & Sat, $12 Thurs & Sun. $2 discount for stdnts & srs. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Info/res: 398-1541.
The Yeomen of the Guard Gilbert & Sullivan's musical about true love & tender romance, performed by Lamplighters Musical Theatre. Runs Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm, thru 11/1. Tix $21. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Info/res: 752-7755.
Bent by Martin Sherman. Powerful drama of faith & defiance among homosexuals during the time of the Nazis. Theatre Rhino production. Runs thru 10/17 at Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.
F.O.B. by David Henry Hwang. Epic comedy about mythic Chinese warriors doing battle in the back of a local Chinese restaurant in Los Angeles. Asian American Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, thru 10/11 at Asian American Theater, 403 Arguello, SF. Tix $13-15. Info/res: 751-2600.
3rd Annual Solo Mio Festival of Solo Performance features work by 36 artists from across the United States & abroad, showcased at 9 theaters in SF: At **Life on the Water:** Brenda Wong Aoki performs *The Queen's Garden*, the tale of her youth spent with street gangs in the Asian Pacific Islander communities of LA; thru 10/18. At **Climate Theatre: Keith Antar Mason in** *My Living Condition: Two Niggas, Because No Nigga Came or Crossed the Atlantic by Himself*, a confrontational work on issues of race & gender; 10/8-18. At **Intersection for the Arts:** Mac Wellman's "Terminal Hip," a spectral portrait of America. Previews 10/13, runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 11/1. At **Brava!:** Cheryl Marie Wade's "A Woman with Juice," the story of a disabled woman's journey from "damaged goods" to self-esteem. 10/15-11/1, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm. For tix & other info on Solo Mio events (including full details on October performances) call the Solo Mio Information Line 776-9204.
Two works by NY-based experimental playwright David Greenspan produced in repertory by Thick Description: **Jack**, a haunting look at the anonymous victims of the AIDS crisis. **2 Samuel 11, etc**, a retelling of the biblical story of David & Bathsheba, with homoerotic masturbatory fantasies & modern stories from 28 years in the life of a woman named Margot. Performance dates for "Jack" are Thurs-Fri 10/8-9, 15-16; for "2 Samuel 11," Sat & Sun 10/10-11, 17-18. At Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama, SF. Tix $8-12 SL. Info/res: 621-0507.
The Lisbon Traviata by Terrence McNally. Theatre Rhino production. Play veers from high comedy to stark tragedy as it follows the troubled course of a gay relationship—using an obsession with grand opera as a metaphor to underscore the larger-than-life passions which bring the play to an explosive conclusion. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm, thru 10/25. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 861-5079.
The Mundane Bliss Twist of Food, Sex & Other Obsessions Not Necessarily in that Order, a one-woman show by actor/writer Florence Yoo. Yoo shakes up her past, growing up Korean in the Midwest, into an explosive postmodern cocktail exploring issues of race, gender, identity & poor health care, in a semi-autobiographical monologue of stories & song. Asian American Theatre Center production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 7:30 pm, with Sun matinees at 2 pm, 10/8-10/24. 403 Arguello Blvd at Clement, SF. Tix $8 students, $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 751-2600.
The Appearance of Civilization, a performance piece based on the writings of Bartholemew de Las Casas, a Spanish historian & colleague of Christopher Columbus who advocated Indian Rights in a day when such a stance was considered heresy. Similar modern commentary is interwoven into the text, created by Chris Hardman. Antenna Theater production, A site-specific performance on the beach, challenging the Columbus Quincentennial and American textbook history. Runs Fri-Sat 10/9-30 at 8 pm. Performances at Rodeo Beach in the Marin Headlands, thru 10/17 and at Ocean Beach in SF thru 10/30. Dress warmly. Tix $14.92. Info/res: 332-4862.
Apple Pie with George & Jane, the hit political satire is open for a final pre-election run at the Union Square Holiday Inn, SF. Life on the Water production. Play is an interactive comedy staged as a campaign fundraising banquet. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 11/1. 8 pm. Tix: $20 Thurs & Sun, $22 Fri & Sat. Prices include dessert & show. Info/res: 776-5496.
Flash Family improv theatre group in a spontaneous evening of theater, comedy & song at Ft Mason Center, Marina Music Hall, Bldg D, 2nd floor, SF. 10/17 & 24. 8:30 pm. Tix: $10 gen'l; $8 srs, kids & students. Info/res: 885-5678.
Ceremonies of Prayer by Evan Blake. Play loosely based on the life of artist Vincent Van Gogh & his relationship with his caring brother Theo. Runs Thurs-Sun 10/8-11/1 at 8 pm. SF Performers Theatre production. SF Performers Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg C, third floor (Marina & Laguna Sts), SF. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 srs & stdnts. Tix at STBS.
Our Town by Thornton Wilder. City Theatre of SF City College features actress Lee Meriwether in the lead role of the classic play, which runs for two weekends of performances, thru 10/11. Show designed as a fundraiser for the Theatre Arts Dept. Showtimes: 8 pm Thurs & Fri, Sat at 2 & 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm. Tix $18 Fri & Sat eves, $16 all other performances.
The Secret Rapture by David Hare. Free-spirited Isabel is crushed when her materialistic sister twists family relationships and Isabel's lover to her advantage. Phoenix Theatre production. Runs through November 8. Call 621-4423 for info/res.
Cats, the Andrew Lloyd Webber megahit musical runs thru 10/11 at Oakland's Paramount Theater. Tues-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 2 & 8 pm, sun at 2 & 7:30 pm. For tix & other info call (510) 762-BASS or (510) 465-6400.
The Second Coming of Joan of Arc written & performed by Carolyn Gage, from an adaptation of Vita Sackville-West's biography. Play, which draws on Sackville-West's examination of trial documents, challenges the myths about Joan of Arc by portraying her as a militant, angry leader, accused of sleeping with women and wearing men's clothing; who was clever, unrepentant and true to her visions. A LOLA (League of Lesbian Actors) production. Runs 10/31 at 8 pm & 11/1 at 7 pm in the Concert Chamber of Santa Rosa's Luther Burbank Center for the Performing Arts. Tix $10-12 SL fee. Wheelchair Accessible. No scents or perfumes, please. Info/res: (707) 546-3600.
Don't Explain by Samuel B Harps, III. Play about the life and death of African American trumpeter Lee Morgan, a star jazz musician who was gunned down in February 1972 by his wife during a performance at a New York jazz club. Play, a mixture of "passionate love, heroin addiction and artistic genius," is an ExiTheatre production. Previews 10/15 & 16 at 8 pm, gala opening 10/17 at 8, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 11/21. Tix: $15 opening night, $10 Fri & Sat, "pay what you can" on Thurs. 366 Eddy St, btwn Leavenworth & Jones, SF. Info/res: 673-3847.
Love Bus: ode to the road—Late Night Marsh presents performance physicist Dave Cooke in a one-night-only show, a mixture of live performance, video & over 200 slides, about various topics including baseball, cemeteries, hitchhiking, physics, phone sex & process serving. 10/30, 10:30 pm, $7. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.
Memory Tricks by Marga Gomez: Marga returns to The Marsh with a new version of her popular work, the story of her childhood with two stars of the 1950s-60s Latin showbiz circuit—her father, Willy Chevalier, the comic, and her mother, nightclub dancer Margo the Exotic. Sun matinee 10/18 at 2 pm, play runs Mon-Wed 10/19-21 at 8 pm at The

Marsh, 968 Valencia St, SF. Tix $6-9 at door. Info: 641-0235.

Charlie Varon returns to The Marsh with two productions, his hit show, **Honest Prophets**, an improbable & hilarious blend of comedy, politics, religion & madness, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 10/8-31; and his new piece, **An Ounce of Prevention**, an evening with Californians for Earthquake Prevention & Climactic Improvement, runs Sundays, 10/8-11/1 at 8 pm. The Marsh, 968 Valencia nr 21st, SF. Tix $7-10 Thurs, $12 Fri & Sat, $10 stdnts, srs & financially disadvantaged. Info/res: 641-0235.

Tales of Epicanthic Proportions by Actors Anonymous, Asian American Acting Collective. An irreverent & frightening hilarious work aimed at provoking, challenging & subverting commonly accepted and endlessly perpetuated cultural "norms." Runs Saturdays at 10:30 pm, 10/10, 17 & 24 at The Marsh, 968 Valencia St, SF. Tix $7 Info/res: 641-0235.

Watershed by Stephen Most. Play focuses on the 1978 Salmon War, a recent historical conflict between the indigenous Yurok tribe of northern California and the US Dept of the Interior over the Yurok's right to fish the Klamath River. Joint production of The Tale Spinners Theater and Turtle Island Ensemble. Wed-Sat, thru 10/10 at 8 pm at Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Tix $10 on Wed & Thurs, $12 Fri-Sun. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA.

Our Country's Good by Timberlake Wertenbaker. Play explores the struggles of the first English penal colony sent to Australia. Play previews 10/15, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinee at 2 pm, 10/16-25 at the Little Theatre, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Tix $7 gen'l, $5 preview. Info/res: 338-2467.

Basically Bobrow, one man show by well-known Bay Area composer/performer Morrie Bobrow in The Coconut Room, Joe LoCoco's Ristorante at Drake's Landing, Greenbrae. Night of humorous, witty song. 10/10-11/1. Tix $35 for dinner & show, $15 show only. Dinner served from 6:30 pm, show at 8:30. Info/res: 925-0808.

Cole! San Jose Repertory Theatre's production of the critically acclaimed musical tribute to one of America's favorite composers plays Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sat at 2 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, in an open-ended run at Theatre On the Square, 450 Post St, SF. Tix $19-34. Info/res: (415) 433-9500, (510) 762-BASS.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area,* a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women (parents, siblings or married spouses) who are currently caring for a relative with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding HIV & its impact on multicultural, multiracial communities. Provides support groups for gay/bisexual men of all colors in SF & Oakl. Also provides transportation assistance to medical appts & to pick up medication to HIV positive people in SF. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV+ Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for peroples with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

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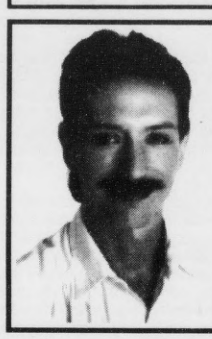
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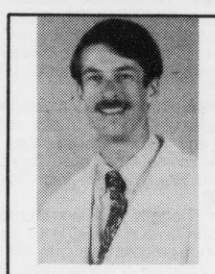
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Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV +/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV+ Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV+ African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

HIV Dementia Caregiver Study seeks participants who are friends, partners or family members assisting someone with HIV dementia. Research study looks at the special concerns, problems & needs created by caring for a loved one with dementia at home. Participation involves a one-time-only confidential interview lasting about an hour. Call Daniel Parker, MA at 905-6241 for details.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the"Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Drop-In Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion Group meets in Oakl. Ongoing. 16-wk commitment required. Call Jay (510) 547-8439 for details.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous Mtg (Lesbians Living in the Solution) meets Mon nights at 6:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 2187 Market St at 15th, SF. Room B. Come work on issues around sex, love, relationships & romance in a safe, anonymous 12-step environment.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 1l:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

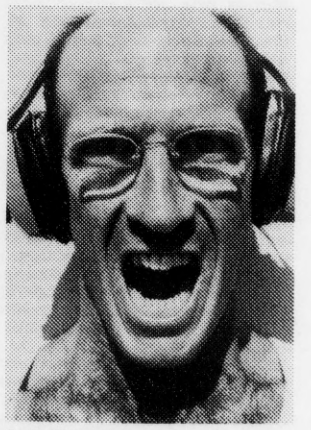
North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 3-5 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jo Ellen 864-3859.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun

"Master European paintings from the Nat'l Gallery of Ireland: From Mantegna to Goya," at the de Young Museum thru Dec 6. For details, see Galleries.



Cully Fredricksen stars in "Terminal Hip" Oct. 14-Nov. 1, at Intersection for the Arts. See OnStage.

7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Mill Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Alternatives for Women With Cancer, volume 2 of the "Women, Cancer, Fear, Power" series, will be an anthology by women for women, with focus on alternative treatments & alternative communities. Political essays, informational articles & a few personal stories about alternatives that women with cancer & their women friends have found and/or created are welcome from women with cancer or women loving someone with cancer. Cancer survivors of al kinds are urged to submit articles. No poetry accepted. Send SASE to Third Side Press, WCFP Series, 2250 W. Farragut, Chicago, IL 60625-1802. Deadline: 10/15.

Frameline accepts applications for its 1992 Film/Video Completion Fund. The Fund aims to provide financial assistance to lesbian & gay film & videomakers in the last stages of production. Grants of up to $5000 are offered to artists working in any format or genre. For guidelines & other info contact Frameline, PO Box 14792, SF 94114. Deadline: 10/15. Awards announced on 12/15.

Intergenerational Relationships Between Lesbians: Lesbians who are or have been in a relationship with a woman 15 years younger or older than themselves are invited to submit personal narratives & photos for an anthology on intergenerational relationships between lesbians. Send SASE for guidelines to Pat Rutherford/Stacy Saetta, 3060 Porter St #31, Soquel, CA 95073. Deadline: 12/30.

Queer Propaganda: Submissions sought for exhibit of queer propaganda. Send SASE to Works/San Jose, 260 E. Jackson St, SJ 95112. Deadline: 12/1.

1993 March on Washington Rally Commiteee seeks requests for performer promo kits: All performers interested in performing at the April 25, 1993 March on Washington Rally must submit their promo kits by 10/10. All kits will be reviewed by rally coordinators Robin Tyler & Michelle Crone. Decision will be made ASAP after the deadline. Mail materials & tapes to Michelle Crone, 486 Madison Ave, Albany, NY 12208 or Robin Tyler Productions, 15842 Chase St, North Hills, CA 91343, fax (818) 893-1593.

1993 March on Washington Proposal Requests accepted from trades & business people for merchandise & other production items related to the march. Proposals should include detailed descriptions, copies of past work, proposal mock-up, name, adress & phone or fax, and a timeline. Send to: March on Washington, 1012 14th St, Ste 705, Washington, DC 20005.

Call for Submissions of independently produced animated films for *Toontown Rats*, a bimonthly event curated by Bay Area cartoonist Keith Knight. VHS ½ inch or ¼ inch videotape accepted. For more details call 824-3890 or 752-4037. No entry fee. Next Deadline: 10/31.

Anything That Moves, *Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality*, a quarterly magazine by, for & about bisexuals, seeks feature articles, fiction, poetry, cartoons & photos for an upcoming issue on spirituality. Send SASE to 2404 California St #24, SF 94115 for giudelines, call 564-2226 for other info.

This Is Me Project seeks biographies & drawings from children of gay & lesbian parents. Guidelines: Kids ages 5-13, biological, foster or adopted. Subjects: Parents, friends, pets, school, life. Label drawings. Send SASE to This is Me Project, 266 21st Ave, #205, SF CA 94121.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night: Every Sat night, 6-10 pm at Pacific Cetner, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Scrabble, Boggle, Pictionary, Taboo, cards, etc. BYOG (Bring Your Own Game). Everyone welcome! Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

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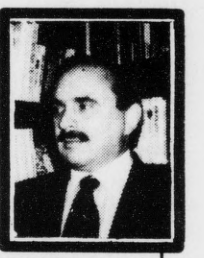

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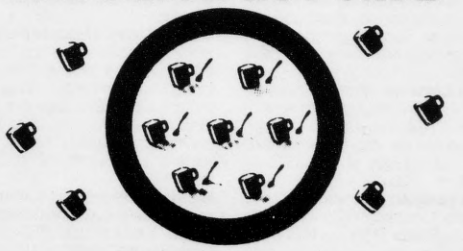

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Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors: "Empowerment Through Writing," monthly support group for women, using writing as a medium to share our lives as survivors. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: 839-8844.

Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbians who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse, and have completed a 1st phase group. This group focuses on sexuality. Participants must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Spons by Operation Concern. For info/interview appt call Alesia Kunz, MFCC 626-7000, Mondays, 1:30-3 pm. SL fee.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

MAS (Multiracial African Support) Group by & for mixed-heritage "queers" who are proudly part African. MUST BE respectful/accepting of transsexuals, gays & bisexuals. Write: MAS, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.

Nadlehs of Woda'abe: Support group by and for Native Americans with African blood who are equally proud of both cultures. Accepting of/respectful to transsexuals, bisexuals, gays, etc. Contact: Nadlehs of Woda'abe or N.W. #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.

Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Women Writers Group: All cultures & genres. New members welcome! Info: Debra (510) 261-8994 or Judy (415) 621-7709.

Bi-Monthly Women Writers Support Group for serious novelists who are published, or seeking publication. Not to show work, but to provide a supportive environment, share news, angst & ideas about "the (writer's) life." Info: Margo 666-3026.

Women's Writing Group in pursuit of Wild Mind meets weekly for freewriting as well as critiquing. For location, times & other info call 824-9608.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Sistah Boom, a mostly lesbian of color percussion band playing Afro-Brazilian/Caribbean rhythms at Gay Pride, pro-choice & anti-war events, seeks women of color, lesbian-feminist identified, musically-inclined & committed to unlearning racism work, to jam with one of the hottest percussion ensembles around. Info: Kay (510) 654-3360 or Adalia (510) 601-6844 (6-8 pm).

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

► POLITICAL

Outrage! San Francisco. Predominantly queer activist/direct action group devoted to exposing & opposing all forms of oppression. Operated by telephone networking & phone bank. Mtgs organized & called when needed around specific issues. To join, suggest an action, phone bank or attend a mtg call & leave your name & number on the Queer Line: 985-7141.

IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. Group meets every Thurs at the Women's Bldg (starting 10/8), 3543 18th St, SF. For info call the Queer Line 985-7141 or write QN, Box 34, 3543 18th St, SF CA 94110.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrimination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. **BiPol:** bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.

FOCUS (Focus on Children Under Siege) sees a future where children are no longer physically, emotionally or sexually abused. Monthly mtgs held 7-9 pm at Hayward Public Library, 835 "C" Street, Hayward. Info: (510) 449-4230 or (510) 449-9663.

Stonewall Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Ralph Payne 929-1591.

Eastbay Gay & Lesbian Commmittee for Clinton-Gore Campaign meets Wed at 7:30 pm. For info/location call Mark (510) 428-2333 or Therese (510) 524-0540.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter:

WBN (510) 482-8583.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.
BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Palo Alto Lesbians & Gay Men meet monthly for potlucks in member homes. All ages, both sexes, singles, couples & multiracial welcome! Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.
Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
Eurofemme: European-born women's social group. Lesbians, feminists, artists, politicos, glam, butch—all welcome. Info: Nicola 621-5443.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.
Brainy, Artsy Gals: Monthly gatherings for women who enjoy good food & conversation. Info: 658-9389.
LFN (Lesbian Friday Night) Group: Meet 1st Fri of month for relaxed conversation around a good vegetarian potluck dinner & delicious dessert! Watch movies, plan outings, etc. Lesbians only. Couples & singles welcome. Berkeley location. Info: (510) 559-8355.
New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: Jeff 457-3523.
East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.
Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.
Fat Fridays: Schmoozing at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, SF. 1st & 3rd Fridays. All fat dykes and fat queer womyn welcome! Info: Susan (510) 658-3300.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.
Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by ley ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea (510) 370-0545 or Jeff (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.
Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.
St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Info: Julian 861-1436.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
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Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive community. Worship service: 10 am Sun. 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 7 pm at 424 Monte Vista Ave (corner of Oakland Ave), Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emergel, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.

Unity Religious Science Center: An educational outreach ministry serving the lesbian & gay community. Classes & credentials offered for licensed practitioners & ordained ministers. Write 405 El Camino Real, Ste 330, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.

Aquarian Foundation: Church dedicated to God, individual rights, psychical research & spiritual miracles. Sun worship service at 11 am, spiritual psychic readings demonstrated. Spiritual healing services Wed at 8 pm. 2250 Taraval St, SF. Info: Rev Jann Werner 661-3622.

Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

Astrology Playshop: From beginning to intermediate. Personal charts, current events & humor. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month at 3 pm. Everyone welcome. Call David (510) 845-5034 or Chandra (510) 559-8355.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto; and every Wed at 6 pm at Rancho San Antonio, Cupertino. For info call Linda (408) 229-1062 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers, Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

Swimming: SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Club invites swimmers of all ages, races, genders & abilities to enjoy the benefits of competitive and non-competitive swimming. Meets, lake swims, parties, int'l gay aquatic events, preps for the '94 Gay Games. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Call 467-4705 ext 4 for times, locations, & other info.

Gay/Lesbian Sailing on the Bay, for fun & relaxation. Call Bruce 626-2026 for details.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 550-1820.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

Lesbian & Gay Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. Beginners welcome! Call Claire Siverson 285-0936 or Walter Parsley 824-6558 for location & other info.

Outdoor Activities Group: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Leaderless Support Group for women who are thirtyish: Monday nights in SF. Call Linda 863-4605 (eves) for details.

Leaderless Support Group for Lesbians Over 40: Diverse, ongoing group welcomes new members. This is not a coming out or therapy group. Meets Mon eves, 7-9, in SF. Info: Barbara 552-9271 or Eugenia 431-6996.

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 922-7690.

Working Class Lesbian Support Group: Group uses writing as a medium for sharing. No writing experience necessary. Meets wkly. Free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: Wayne (510) 827-4077.

Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Suicide: Support group for lesbians & gay men who have lost someone they loved to suicide. Info: Karen (510) 841-6553.

Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

Flikker Network: Network by, for & about FTM/TSs who identify as gay or bisexual men ONLY. For more info write to Flikker Network, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Female to Male Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color only: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs of color. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn FPSG.

Living Full Time: Support Group for anyone living full time in the gender opposite that of birth. To attend, you must be living full-time. Group meets 3 Fri a month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.

Under 21: Peer-led support group for gay, bisexual & questioning young men. For mtg times, location & other info call Mark or Alphonso at LYRIC 252-6059.

QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves, drop-in 5:30 pm, group 6-7:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

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LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Support Group for Young Women of Color: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon- Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

Ongoing theater writing class for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21. Wed 4-6:30 pm. Taught by Chicana lesbian writer/playwright Cherrie Moraga, writer-in-residence with Brava! For Women in the Arts. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Info/reg: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: 565-7681.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program). For teens in the San Mateo area who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning and want a positive & supportive place to explore individual or family concerns. Info: Josefa 342-5216. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

12-Week Process Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people, 17-21. Place to explore trust, self-image, relationships, coming out & other issues in a small, safe & confidential group setting. Info: Josefa 342-5216. Spons by GALTIP of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Lesbian Youth: Ongoing rap/support group meets every Wed evening, 6-8 pm at the Brick Hut Cafe, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-6074.

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297

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"Tales of the City" author Armistead Maupin reads from "Maybe the Moon," Oct. 15 at A Clean, Well Lighted Place for Books. Photo by David Perry

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Danielle Willis: An extreme image in her new collaboration with playwright Cintra Wilson.
Photo by Marc Geller

Danielle Willis' "Breakfast In the Flesh District"

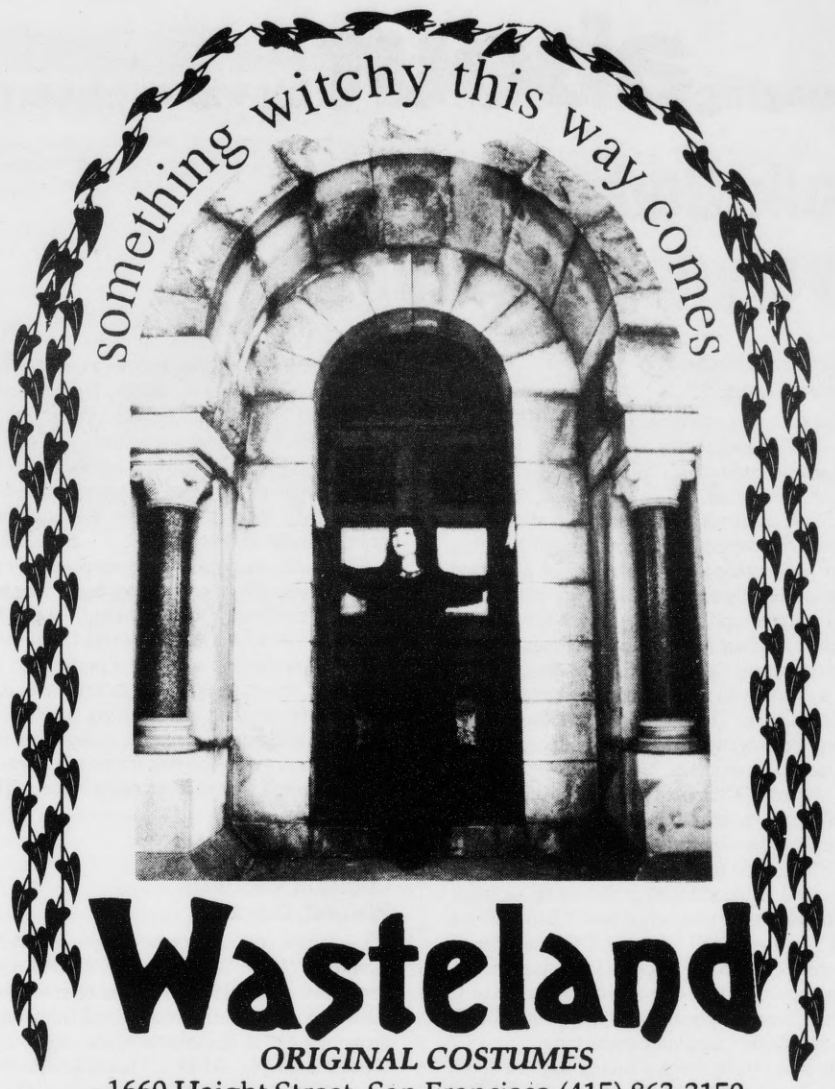
One day at my restaurant job, a waiter/actor named Robert waltzed through the kitchen and exclaimed, "I was at a club last night and in the VIP lounge I saw Danielle Willis get fisted!" Count yourself lucky, I thought. At Danielle's place of employment, a lap-danceteria in the Tenderloin, it would take a mighty big tip in the intimate mini-theater upstairs to witness an act such as this.

Although her work in the sex industry has developed into some formidable talents, Danielle Willis' one-woman show, *Breakfast in the Flesh District,* is bound to make literary sorts and poetry enthusiasts as flushed and drunk with pleasure as any smarmy businessman with a wad of bills and a grip on himself. Opening at Climate Theatre as part of the Solo Mio Festival, *Breakfast* marks the theatrical debut of Danielle's collected written works. If you have been present at any of her readings at Klubstitute, DNA, Faster Pussycat or the SPEW 'zine convention in L.A., you know that her writing and effective delivery have all the makings for a great one-woman theater piece. With jet-black hair, skin as white as bone, a penchant for black vinyl, stiletto heels, dominatrix gear and blood-red lips, Danielle definitely cuts an extreme image in any environment, from the Japantown Denny's where she often hangs out, to the dance ramp at the strip joint as she writhes through her three-song necrophilia set: blue lights on white skin, Alice Cooper's "I Love the Dead" playing.

This show is a collaboration between Danielle and playwright Cintra Wilson, the young and gifted author of *XXX Love Act,* a play based on the Mitchell Brothers, local porn kings who pulled a Cain and Abel number. Cintra's treatment of their story was a fascinating work, but it drew a response of displeasure from women in the sex industry for the negative portrayal of the female characters presented, one of whom was played by Cintra—arguably the best performance in the play. The conflict spurred on a small letter-writing feud, ending with an apology from Cintra that ultimately sounded a bit condescending.

Breakfast in the Flesh District might appear to be an attempt to "make good" by supporting a sex worker's literary endeavors, and presenting Danielle in a different light, one afforded by Cintra's established local reputation as a playwright. In the afterglow of *XXX Love Act*—its successful run, timely subject matter and the controversy it stirred up—isn't it ironic that Cintra is directing a show by and for a female sex worker who might possibly have been the one most offended by her character portrayals? Danielle not only knew and worked for the Mitchell Brothers, she once beat the shit out of the now-deceased Artie Mitchell with her pump. He was hospitalized, she became a legend, the patron saint of slighted sex workers, and the girl Motley Crue always requested for a personal show in the Ultra Room whenever they stopped by the O'Farrell Street Theater.

Danielle is an inspiration to artists of all media, as she brings glimpses of truth to a field that has been misunderstood and misjudged for centuries, using her unique genius, her astonishing ability with the written word. Her literary reputation is growing solid and she's definitely a hot property in that realm. This collaboration with Cintra Wilson is an opportunity for heightened exposure, and should benefit all involved. However, it won't be the first time. Cintra's most successful endeavor to date, the mini-soap opera she created for MTV's "Liquid Television," titled *Winter Steele,* was in part inspired by a poem by Danielle Willis from her first published book, *Corpse Delectable.* Here's to another success. *Breakfast in the Flesh District* begins its run tonight, continuing Thursday through Saturday nights from Oct. 8 to 17, at Climate Theatre. If you haven't got tickets yet, please do. Like lots of other people, you won't want to miss this. In the meantime, go to Drug #6 on Thursdays and watch what Danielle and her boyfriend Bridget, aka God's Girlfriend, are doing to young suburban death-rock teens.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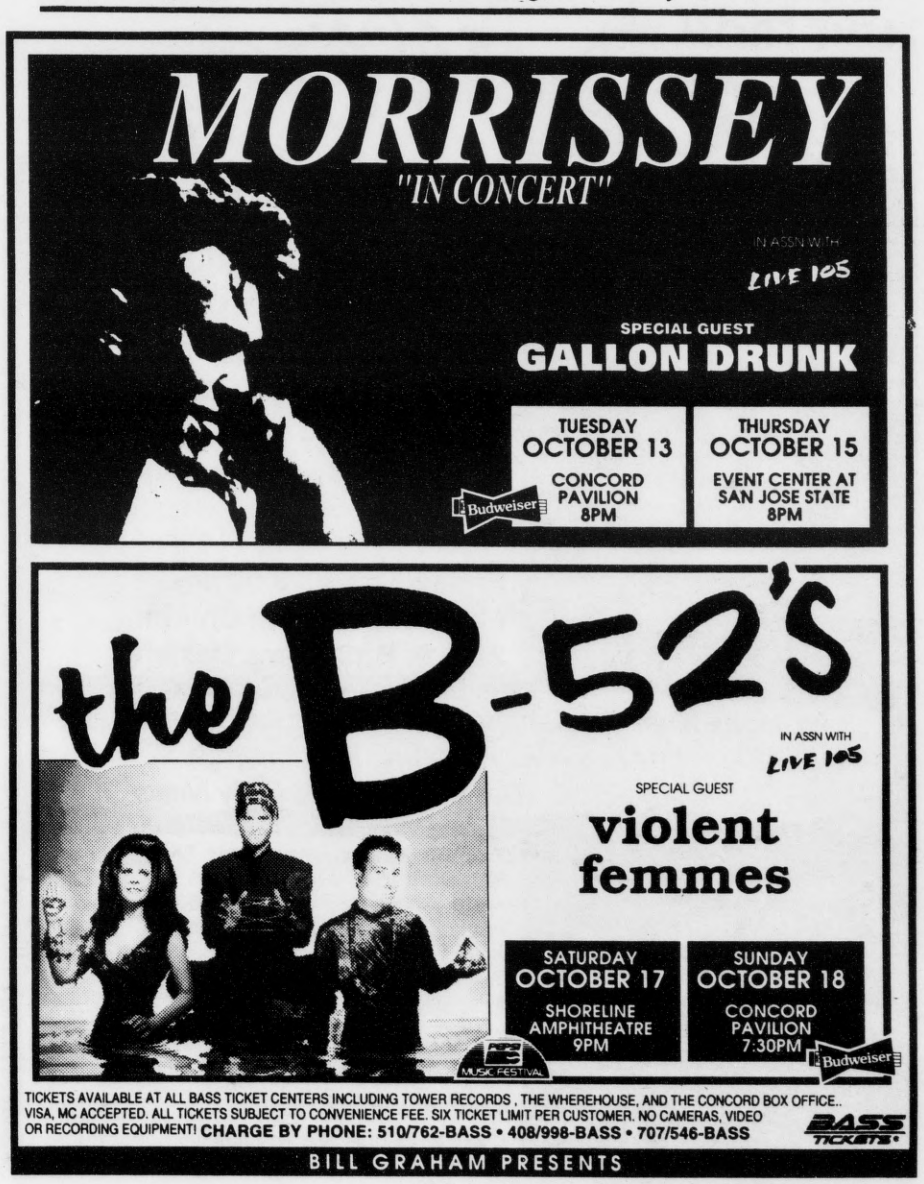

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Folk Goddesses and Everyday Heroines

TRACY CHAPMAN
Warfield, Sept. 23

Chapman was welcomed home with open arms by an SRO crowd. Tracy Chapman isn't the most charismatic performer, but her songs carry the weight. "Fast Car," "Talkin' 'Bout a Revolution," "Crossroads"—she did them all. In fact, the set was weighted heavily toward her first record, rather than the latest one, which prompted the tour. That's not a bad catalogue to fall back on.

If I were compiling a soundtrack for my life, I would include at least two of her songs, both of which she sang: "She's Got Her Ticket," for its push to break with the past, and "Born to Fight," for its defiance. Then there's "For My Lover," a song teeming with lesbian references. "This love no man can shake," indeed.

In her work, Chapman has always verged between two extremes: her love songs and her political songs—her private and public faces, if you will. I tend to favor the latter, as the love songs tend to blend together for me into a mass of schlock. As she launched into "Baby, Can I Hold You Tonight?" I thought, "Oh, no, one of the schlocky ones." For other fans, though, it's just the opposite, based on the screaming I heard. Her set featured a healthy mix, one that didn't keep my fingers tapping for too long.

The live results were a mixed bag. In some areas of the house, the bass was too loud, and I didn't like what they did to "Crossroads." The rhythm wrecked the song for me. Then of course, there was the stimulating banter. Tracy was most apt to introduce songs by explaining why she wrote them. "I wrote this song for my mother..." led into "Women's Work," for example. She turned away shyly when someone offered her flowers. All in all, a solid set— a little light on personal rapport, but good.

Then came the encore and a whole new Tracy. What fantasy was she living out here? The song choices were totally out of left field: "Love Letters" and "Not Fade Away," to start with. It was like we were seeing a different performer. She really cut loose, shaking her booty, with a big goofy smile on her face. During the last few numbers, she spent a lot of time facing away from the audience, giving the butt aficionados I was sitting with ample time to check out her assets. Their conclusion: A+.

LUCINDA WILLIAMS
Warfield, Oct. 2

Lucinda's contribution to my life soundtrack would be "I Just Wanted to See You So Bad," a song that evokes 1988-89 and an obsession with the woman who lived across the hall from me. "I drove my car in the middle of the night. I just wanted to see you so bad..." Lucinda's desperation was my desperation during that time. Oy, the pain, the angst!

Such a joy to relive the experience live three years later when Lucinda opened her set with THAT SONG. I was instantly taken back, but three years had done a lot to lessen the damage, i.e., I didn't become physically ill. Williams doesn't seem to take much joy in her songs, staring glassy-eyed into the crowd as she sang. With the particular confluence of makeup, hair and her natural features, she looked like nothing so much as a drag queen Bowie impersonator.

There were plenty of kicks in her set, such as "Crescent City," a sweet song about family, friends, and her hometown of New Orleans. In an all-too-brief set, she managed to work in every one of the songs I wanted to hear and none of the ones I didn't, such as the treacly "The Night's Too Long."

Hearing Lucinda live prompted me to go back and re-evaluate her new release, *Sweet Old World*, and pick out the wheat from the chaff. The title track, which she described as a healing song, is just that—a kind of modern lullaby and very soothing. "Hot Blood," by contrast, is a barnburner about an obsessive love affair, with the singer taking a playful stance as she observes the object of her affections in any number of places, from the grocery store to the laundromat.

Yet, my favorite song remains an old one, the beautifully introspective "Side of the Road," about a woman looking for a few minutes of quiet time away from her lover. It includes the line: "It only means I need a little time to follow that unbroken line, to a place where the wild things grow..." It'll probably never happen, but it would be great to see Lucinda Williams play a women's music festival.

DEIDRE McCALLA/TOSHI REAGON
Great American Music Hall, Oct. 4

Deidre McCalla's album release party for *Everyday Heroes and Heroines* (Olivia) brought together many of the singer's Bay Area musical friends, as well as New Yorker Toshi Reagon.

Toshi's brief set suffered from her obvious jet lag. She forgot the words to the first song, Ferron's "Misty Mountain." The rest of the set was equally loose, and charming though Reagon was, she didn't really hit the heights of which she is capable. As she explained, she's been playing rock clubs recently, which might account for some of the roughness. Accompanying herself on acoustic guitar, she ran through several new songs, with a little political commentary on the order of "Bill Clinton is a slimy butthole." We can expect an EP of new material soon.

McCalla and friends played most of the new recording, which includes appearances by Linda Tillery, Vicki Randle, BETTY'S Amy Ziff, and Bonnie Hayes. Onstage, McCalla was backed by guitarist Nina Gerber and bassist Benny Rietveld, both of whom also play on the record. The lineup was supplemented by guest vocals from album producer Teresa Trull, Laurie Lewis, and Annie Stocking.

The ten songs of *Everyday* cover the ground of politics, love and hope. Recommended songs include the country-flavored title track which celebrates "ordinary people simply living our lives" and includes the magic words "gay and lesbian."

"We've Come Too Far" issues a challenge to the religious right that McCalla will not go gently into the night. "Girl You Don't Know" imagines a chance meeting between a homeless woman and someone comfortably well off, with the first telling the second, "Girl, you could be me."

Still, for all the sharp observations and good intentions here, the record suffers from blandness in the main. McCalla's easy vocals go down smoothly enough, but given what she's singing about, you'd expect more bite than you get.

ENDNOTES...

The Dance Brigade presents *Goodbye Columbus* on Oct. 17 at the Victoria Theatre in SF at 8 pm. Coinciding with the commemoration of 500 Years of Resistance, the show is a multicultural journey based on themes of oppression and resistance of indigenous peoples seen through the eyes of women. Call (510) 465-3686 for more information.

Talking Woman to Woman with Johnette Napolitano

No one could accuse Johnette Napolitano of being a shrinking violet. Vocalist/bassist/main songwriter for Concrete Blonde, Napolitano has built up a repertoire of tough-minded songs, and off-stage she has an opinion on just about everything—be it AIDS, eating meat, or *Thelma and Louise*. Long a fixture on the L.A. rock scene, Concrete Blonde has released four albums over the last six years, finding popular success with 1990's *Bloodletting*. Now touring in support of *Walking in London*, the band will finish up with a show at the Warfield on Oct. 16.

Reached at her hotel during a tour stop in Boulder, Napolitano is alert and reflective during our 45-minute phone interview, her first with a gay publication. As we talk, her cat Sensual climbs up the walls and at one point, escapes out the door as Napolitano orders a salad (for her and the cat) from room service. Returning to the phone, she continues her streams of thought. "Reel me in," she says, chuckling.

Napolitano comes across as thoughtful—and fired up with ambition to be all she can be. It wasn't always this way. Napolitano's seen her share of the rock 'n' roll wild life. By her own admission, she doesn't remember much of her 20s. Nevertheless, having just turned 35, she feels her life has been changed irrevocably, not only by the passage of time, but by a brush with death, the result of a severe case of food poisoning that left her incapacitated for almost a year.

"I'm really happy to be here," she says. "I have new goals artistically," including an upcom-

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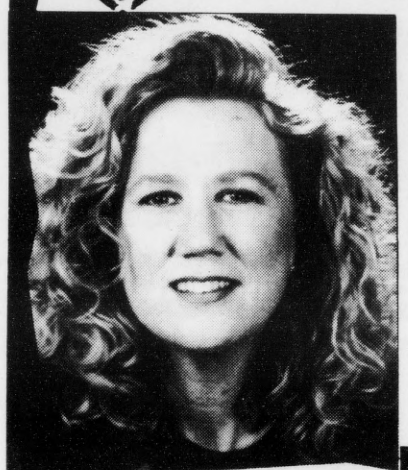

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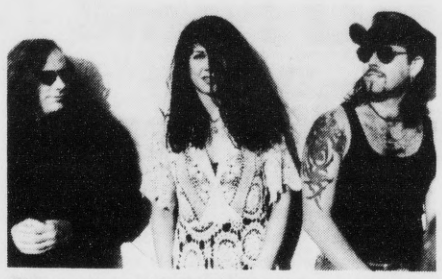

The members of Concrete Blonde (l-r): James Mankey, Johnette Napolitano, Harry Rushakoff

ing Concrete Blonde album, a solo record, and Spanish lessons. Keenly aware of the finite amount of time granted to each person, she wants to make the most of hers. Her major goal? "To get my art degree by the time I'm 40."

Napolitano says, "Especially when you're losing people to AIDS every minute, you learn to not jerk around and spend time on petty problems. It takes seeing people die to see that. I almost died myself. I can't spend time on crap. I refuse. I refuse."

Napolitano has lost a few friends to AIDS, including writer Craig Lee, about whom she still dreams. *Bloodletting* included the song "Tomorrow Wendy," about a woman with AIDS committing suicide rather than slowly wasting away. Napolitano is still shocked by the response to the song. "We got all kinds of mail. Bible Belt people. It was so fucked up." Lifebeat, a group of musicians working against AIDS, is traveling with the band.

"Taking control of your life isn't considered a feminine thing."
— Johnette Napolitano

Napolitano is a student of spirituality, typically, in her own mold. "I think there is a spiritual bankruptcy in this country, but I don't agree with the right wing on what they think family values and spirituality are." She was keen on the candidacy of Jerry Brown for president, in part because he is a Zen master. Disappointed as Napolitano is that Brown's candidacy didn't take off, she still feels his message is right. "The corruption of government is the number-one issue," she says.

Napolitano says, "Artistically, my music seems to be stimulated by spiritual questioning, social examination, human examination, rather than Issue of the Day. It's more sexual politics." She writes about the harsh realities she sees; as in the searing "City Screaming," which captures her love-hate relationship with her native Los Angeles or the bittersweet "Why Can't You See Me?"

One track on *Walking in London* in the sexual-politics vein is "Woman to Woman." Speaking about the song on a radio show, Napolitano said, "The thing I really appreciate now on a Thelma and Louise level is my friendships with women. It's really sad how women stab each other in the back—because of some guy, you're willing to stab your sister in the back."

Reminded of the comment, her immediate reaction is to say, "I had a big problem with that movie at the end. I would have kept on fighting. There was nothing heroic about it. They didn't do anything wrong. This is what we have to look forward to? I was very disturbed by it."

As to the song, she explains, "As I get older, I do appreciate everything about being female—the strength I have. I have stacks and stacks of books on my floor about women artists who inspired me. Making music is tough to do for a living, whether you're a woman or a man. Nobody encourages their daughter to marry a poet or their son to marry a rock musician. It's been great to research women that have completely ignored society and flaunted their lives proudly. I've taken comfort in that—to feel free and not inhibited by that."

Napolitano is also working on being more assertive in her relationships. The band has just broken from IRS to sign with Capitol Records, and Johnette couldn't be happier about it. She feels she wasn't taken seriously by some of the higher-ups at IRS to run with her ideas about the band's music and videos. "It'll change everything," she says emphatically. "I feel just bubbling with ideas. I feel really appreciated by people."

This new-found confidence spills over into her personal life, as she feels less concerned with how she is seen by those around her. Incredulously, I ask, "Have you been worrying all this time about people not liking you?" She responds firmly: "I'm very in love with a *man*. It's a problem in relationships. My career is important to me. I do what I do. I don't mean to threaten people with success. Men have a hard time to not be threatened by a woman as a partner or a friend. There's a competition in the traditional roles of a heterosexual relationship." She needs to make music, though, and so she has concluded, "If someone feels threatened by the work that I do, that will have to change. I should be free and encouraged to accomplish all that I can."

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Ann Drogynous: The Kid Herself

Paul Anelli *is* Ann Drogynous. No question about it. The co-star of the long-running cult hit, *Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane?* is now camping, vamping, singing and stripping her way through a score of Broadway songs at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint.

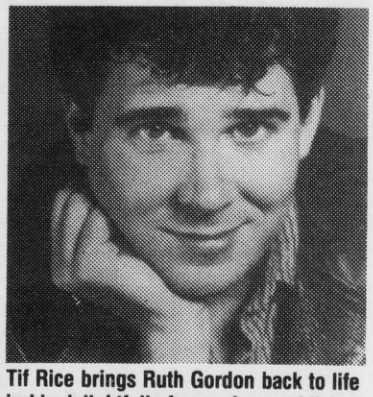
The basic problem with Miss A's current show, a revised version of last year's, is that the star is used to projecting her persona to the back row of the long and narrow Victoria Theatre. At Josie's she is inches away from the front row and she's coming off bigger than life. Her outrageous mugging, fabulously effective as Crawford in *B.B. Jane,* needs to be softened here. Vocally she tends to overpower the sentiment of her nicely chosen songs and it's difficult to discover the real Miss A. behind the frenetically energized eyes, lips and cheekbones. I can understand the director's assumption that anyone who grew up in the rock-disco era is hearing-impaired, but a heavy hand on the volume knob plays hell with a tender lyric.

Now for Miss A, the Kid Herself. She looks gorgeous in a rampant black wig (very Italian movie star) and a form-fitting, jet-black gown slit high enough to reveal a bit of garter belt. She opened with a refreshingly obscure and apt number, "Stay Awhile," blasted into high gear with Midler's "I'm Singing Broadway," then settled down with Harold Rome's rueful "Nobody Makes a Pass at Me." Two fine songs, the Gershwins' "Boy Wanted" (with a new Lauren Mayer lyric) and Jule Styne's "Talking to Yourself," gave her some nice moments for reflective vocalizing before she mounted the upright to belt "The Man I Love."

A quick change to a teased blond wig and *voila,* it's Miss Adelaide, and from the response of the crowd one would have thought we were at the Broadway opening. "Adelaide's Lament" is a sure-fire showstopper and Miss A gave it everything she had, which was almost more than was necessary. With those lyrics to support her, a more subtle approach would be even funnier.

"The First Time," a monologue written by Miss A's alter ego, Paul Anelli, offered the show's most poignant bit, a recollection of childhood gender confusion. On the first day of school, boys lined up on one side, girls on the other. Paul, standing between the two, was indecisive. When he was discovered in drag for the first time at age five, he realized even then that "living an illusion was the only way to survive."

Paul Anelli as Ann Drogenous brings her bigger than life persona to Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint.



Tif Rice brings Ruth Gordon back to life in his delightfully funny show at Lily's.
Photo by Steven Baratz

Lauren Mayer's parody from *Funny Girl,* "I'm the Greatest Queen," was Miss A's all-out response to the monologue.

Special guest Matthew Martin, the Baby Jane of *B.B. Jane,* did a Peggy Lee turn, a bit of Hepburn and a delightful reprise of his specialty, the bitchy Miss Davis. He performed a superb tap (giving the impression that the stage was twice its width) and then joined Miss A in a revisionist version of the Garland-Streisand duet of "Happy Days Are Here Again" and "Get Happy."

Changing into a gold lame wraparound, Miss A sang "Blame It on the Summer Night," the big aria from the 1986 flop, *Rags*—a difficult number even for a trained singer and professional actor—and then segued into a striptease to "Harlem Nocturne." The dance started off innocently enough, but choosing it ignored the ecdysiast's first rule: Tease 'em and leave 'em wanting more. She abandoned gown and bra and cavorted in a black dance belt to energized choreography that was more aerobic than suggestive, showing off a muscular body, flat chest, touch of hair at the navel and unshaved legs. How's that for deflating an illusion?

Miss A slipped into a short chorus girl costume and sang a medley of "The Kid Herself" and "Sing Happy," both knock-out Kander and Ebb tunes that suited her voice and temperament. She

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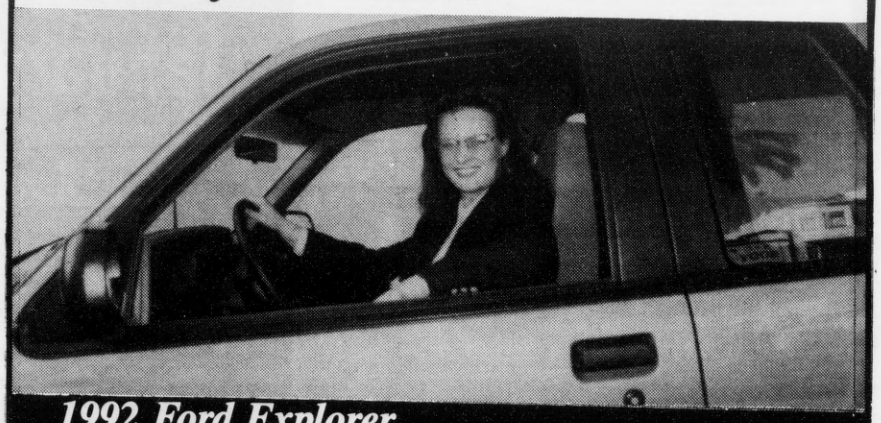

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Scott Cady (occasional jazz critic for *SF Bay Times*) was musical director and the staging and repertoire were supervised by John F. Karr and F. Allen Sawyer. Miss A continues at Josie's Wednesdays through Sundays, 8 pm, through Oct. 11. Call 861-7933.

Michael Vita: So Long for a While

Michael Vita, that consummate bon vivant, man-about-town, singer, dancer and AIDS benefit producer (in tandem with Don Johnson), invited 50 of his closest friends to a bon voyage party at Kassman's Concert Hall. It was a "Yes Party" to thank all of the people who said "yes" when Michael called them to perform or help with a benefit. Michael, for all his talents, was unable to find a position that paid a living wage in our city and is moving to Galveston Island, Tex.

As a Broadway "gypsy," he danced with Martha Graham, Gower Champion, Bob Fosse, Michael Kidd ("just an athlete, no style"), Ron Fields and Michael Bennett. He has performed in any number of Broadway shows, from *Bye, Bye Birdie* to *42nd Street*, but since moving here in 1987 has been somewhat reticent about performing solo on the local scene. His goodbye concert was a first performance for many of us.

With Larry Dunlap whipping up some fine jazzy froth on Kassman's $93,000 Bechstein and Jeff Neighbor on bass, Michael opened his set with James Taylor's "Secret of Life," revealing in his first phrase a sure-fire technique for taking charge of an audience. He crooned Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne's "Time After Time," with some beautifully held notes that separated the men from the boys, and then slipped casually into a 1910 Irving Berlin Tin Pan Alley tune, "Call Me Up Some Rainy Afternoon." He interwove "Let Yourself Go" with a rollicking "Sing, Sing, Sing," in an arrangement that called for some impressive vocal dynamics. "What'll I Do?" was soft and caressing and "I'm Just a Gigolo" was sung atop the piano, legs demurely crossed.

After a big and emotional "Everything Must Change," Michael coasted into the Gershwins' "Isn't It a Pity (We Never Met Before)" and said goodbye. May he soon return.

Tif Rice at Lily's

Impressionist Tif Rice, a very funny man if he never did anything more than revive Ruth Gordon for our delectation, is currently playing Lily's intimate cabaret room.

Opening for Tif was Shelly Summers, who lipsynched a couple of Bette Midler numbers, "Stuff Like That There" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" (I thought I was listening to old Betty Hutton and Andrews Sisters records, but what do I know?). Summers wore an Air Force officer's jacket and no pants, showing off a smashing pair of legs.

Then Tiff burst onstage and launched into a rocket-style gossip session aptly called "Night of the Living Stars." Such Hollywood legends as Bette Davis pushed their home exercise videos. Hawking Blanche and Jane Hudson's home surfing video, Miss Davis advised us not to be alarmed at the tape over Blanche's mouth. "It's only there to keep out excess water... and air."

Other stars selling products via the magic of video included Carol Channing begging us to buy her Christian Science dog food for Christian Science dogs. "I don't know what's in it, but I *believe* it's good for them."

Ruth Gordon's "Practical Hints for Senior Citizens" included encouragement to "go for the guts—shoplift. Life is like a shopping bag; the more you put in now, the more you can take out later. And if you manage to fence the stuff, that's gravy on the cake."

Hepburn touts her "1-900-I Know Better" phone number for personal advice. "This isn't phone sex," she warns, "but I *will* tell you where to get off." Ingratiatingly honest, she confides, "I'm not arrogant. I'm just better than you."

Without further ado, we're in Beverly Hills, where Quentin Crisp is conducting a yard sale of the rich and famous. Angela Lansbury is pushing her homemade meat pies. Streisand, who is hoping to pick up something for the most important person in her life—herself—is also trying to unload her old furniture, including a coffee table with the "tchotchkes" glued on "to keep my friends from stealing them." Bette Davis is selling old ceramic ashtrays that were made by her hateful daughter, and Channing is trying to sell the costume she wore for 16,000 consecutive performances in *Hello Dolly*. Hepburn, meanwhile, is selling her old Oscars. "At these prices, Sally Field can get herself another Oscar and no one has to *like* her."

The ubiquitous Ruth Gordon is trying to steal one of the Oscars. Her yard sale advice is succinct and again eminently practical: "The thing to do is find something you really want—like this table for $59—and switch the tags with this five-dollar *Hello Dolly* costume. The way I look at it, they're still five dollars ahead."

Tif Rice should do "An Evening With Ruth Gordon." Meanwhile, don't miss him at Lily's (Market at Valencia), Sundays at 8 and 9:30 pm. Call 864-7208.

Sam Bittner: It's Show Time!

Sam Bittner, a new face on the cabaret scene, performed several late Sunday matinees at Charpe's Grill during September and will return for four more cocktail shows in October and November.

An Illinois farmboy, Sam played the church organ at ten, was a musical comedy addict at 13, performed in high school and college shows, and ended up with a degree in architecture. He met his pianist, Bill Keck, at the University of Illinois and 20 years later they're performing together again.

His six-word introduction is perfect: "Hi, I'm Sam... It's show time."

Bittner has a rich baritone, an easy, laid-back manner, and an impressive song list drawn from Broadway and Hollywood. His two-hour concert (with a brief intermission) included 37 songs, too many perhaps for a standard cabaret act. That many of them were introspective ballads may account for the fact that his overall presentation seemed reserved, not as relaxed or as connected with his audience as he might have been.

He opened with "Two for the Road," and followed with "Beauty and the Beast," "With Every Breath I Take," "Until the Real Thing Comes Along," "Skylark" and the Bergmans' "Once You've Been in Love"—all somewhat similar in lyric temperament. The Gershwins' "They All Laughed" offered a welcome mood switch. A five-song medley by Harry Warren, nicely sung, included a happy ringer, "Kalamazoo," before Bittner really cut loose on Keck's terrific arrangement of "Razzle Dazzle."

The second set featured Jerry Herman's delightful "Go to the Movies," followed by six more ballads on themes of unrequited love and regret, a mood happily broken by a lovely uptempo, "I'll Take Romance." Bittner was particularly impressive on Sondheim's big aria, "No More Questions," and his "Blame It on My Youth" was given a personal edge that made the song his own. The hands-down audience favorite of the second set was the old vaudeville chestnut, "Sam, You Made the Pants Too Long." This in itself might indicate a rethinking of future sets to replace a dozen or so of those "wrist slasher" ballads with a few more up-tempo or novelty numbers and perhaps a more dynamic approach to some of the arrangements. He's got the voice, he just needs to stretch it.

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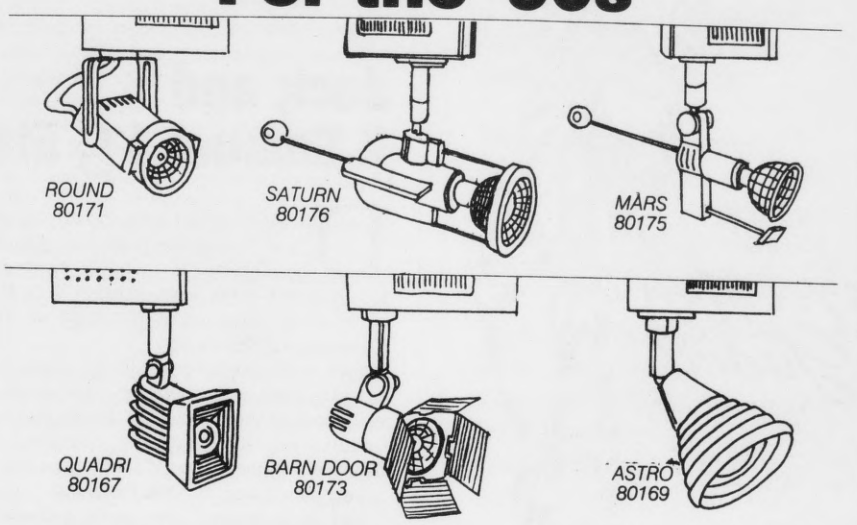

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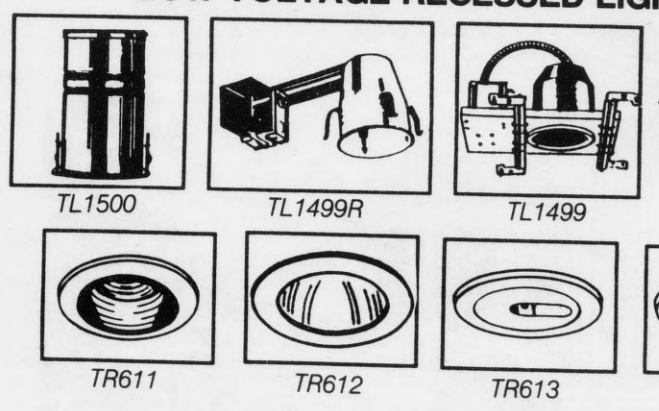

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Jack and 2 Samuel 11, Etc.

David Greenspan, a resident director at the New York Shakespeare Festival's Public Theatre, is currently represented locally by two of his plays staged by Tony Kelly at the Noh Space under the aegis of Thick Description Productions.

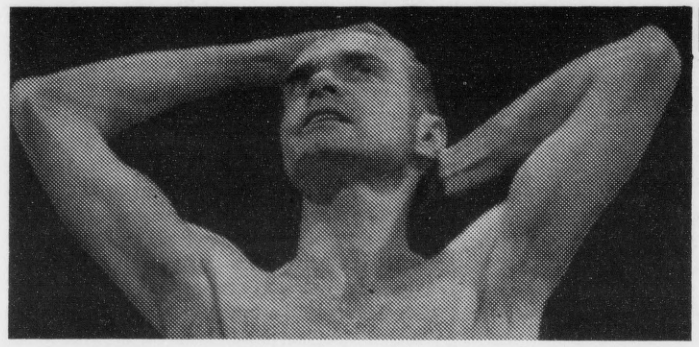
Jack is the remembered life of a young man, as told by three women seated at music stands who read from scored dialogue as though they were oratorio soloists. Musically conceived, the dialogue's rhythms stop and start, repeat and start again, punctuated by Old Testament "ands." "And so it began," one reads and another answers, "And he's dead now." Jack, played by Art Desuyo, sits in the foreground in a circle of five chairs, suggesting group therapy. He is alloted one monologue to flesh out the assorted trivia read by the women.

What we learn from the elegantly nuanced phrasing of Karen Amano, Laura Nicholls and Lynn Odell is that Jack's abusive mother would order him out of the house to "go play in the park and make some friends." Jack did make friends there—late-night friends. He ultimately contracted AIDS, was deserted by his married lover, who left him for another woman, and committed suicide. Revealed in humorous, unsentimental tidbits that are volunteered, questioned and contradicted by the chorus trio, Jack's life is reassembled, jigsaw fashion, as is common in the testimonials at any wake. Jack's monologue delivers one brief remembrance of a childhood day at the beach when he became separated from his mother in a sea of umbrellas.

Theatrically intriguing, due in most part to the inventive, musical cadences of the women readers, *Jack* is slight but satisfying.

2 Samuel 11, Etc. finds an author at his desk at the rear of the stage where he is writing a hardcore version of David's rape of Bathsheba. His script is narrated by his mental alter ego (Blancett Reynolds), who reclines on a sofa downstage. Losing his focus, the writer becomes Bathsheba and Reynolds relates in a sexually graphic tirade the details of her seduction and her husband's murder. She recites a spiteful denunciation of men from David down to Jesus which, further arousing the writer's mind, causes Reynolds to throw out men's names at random along with some abandoned sexual fantasies. As she moans in ecstasy, the writer masturbates with one hand and continues to write with the other.

Act 2 of *Samuel* discovers Steele soaping up in his shower as he recounts the contemporary



Henry Steele in Thick Description's "2 Samuel 11, Etc.: Literary masturbation?
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Lee Ann Manley plays the slutty Crystal in the Marin Theatre's mounting of Clare Boothe Luce's 1936 comedy sensation, "The Women."
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tribulations of a woman named Margo, her lovers and family. Deliciously gossipy, the shower scene is ultimately aimless and too long, serving simply as a remarkable acting exercise for Steele, who shifts characters and voices in a breathtaking display of mental and vocal stamina.

Jack plays Thursdays and Fridays and *2 Samuel 11, Etc.* plays Saturdays and Sundays at 8:30 pm, through Oct. 18. Call 621-0507.

The Women

Might there be a slight suggestion of ironic impertinence in the Marin Theatre's mounting of *The Women* in the Year of the Woman? One of the funniest and bitchiest plays ever written by a woman about women, this 1936 comedy sensation by Clare Booth Luce was made into an all-star 1939 movie, directed by George Cukor, the "woman's director."

It's the classic play on a theme of what one character calls "woman's inhumanity to woman." Lines such as, "The tragedy for a woman is not growing old or gaining weight, it's losing a man," have set feminists' teeth on edge for the past five decades. But as Luce herself said of her characters, whose lives are defined by their husbands' social status and wealth, "They deserve to be smacked across the head with a meat axe."

There's not a man to be seen on stage. So what's the play about? Men. Getting them, holding onto them and, if you can't keep the one you've got, going out and getting someone else's.

Mary Haines (Marcia Pizzo), an innocent, sweet-faced, trusting wife and mother, is the center of this peep-show of the rituals of rich, idle women as seen through drawing room, bedroom and ladies' room mirrors... darkly. Recommended to a gossipy manicurist by fair-weather friend Sylvia (Sierra Faith), whose tongue could evaporate acid, Mary learns that her husband has a mistress. Her already aware "best" friends rush to succor her, all offering disastrous advice based on revenge, divorce and sundry acts just short of murder. Though Mary wants her husband back, she fails to take the advice of her sensible mother (Kenna Hunt), to ignore her husband's fling and give him another chance.

Despite its mannered artificiality, this dated satire keeps us laughing with its devastatingly catty dialogue and impressively rounded-out performances. There are a few telling scenes in which servants, manicurists, ladies' room attendants and clerks (especially Wilma Bonet) are permitted some incisive comments on class structure. One delicious bit—having nothing to do with the plot—blew me away: Carla Befara as Edith was breast-feeding her baby and dragging on a cigarette at the same time. When asked what the dark spot was on the baby's nose, she replied, "It's just an ash," and blew it off.

Steve Coleman's set is a simple but elegant backdrop of gauzy gray draperies framing 12 scenes in which beds, kitchen tables, desks, drawing room furniture and Sylvia's bathtub (the ugliest, most vulgarly overdraped swan boat ever to grace a stage) were whisked on and off.

Of the performances I was only disappointed in Lee Ann Manley as the slutty Crystal. In a frizzy blond hairdo that looked like a bad wig, she chose to give a near perfect impression of Leslie Ann Warren as the trampy chorus girl in *Victor, Victoria.*

Laura Hazlett's costumes were stylish and imaginative, except for Sylvia's, which were beyond drag queen gauche. The character may be a bitch, but she would have had some sense of chic and would never have ventured out in a long dress wearing flats.

Politically correct or not, the Marin Theatre Company has a winner on its hands. Director Lee Sankowich, who has trimmed the original script to just over two-and-a-half hours, reports that over 380 women auditioned for the production, of whom he chose 14.

The Women continues at the Marin Theatre, Mill Valley, Wednesdays through Sundays through Oct. 18. Call 388-5208.

The Yeomen of The Guard

Classical musicians and Gilbert and Sullivan operetta buffs generally agree that *Yeomen of the Guard* is Sir Arthur Sullivan's most fully realized and impressive score. There seems to be little argument there. More somber in tone, relying to a greater degree on choral work, touching on the irony of a fickle public's almost pagan fascination with ceremonial execution, *Yeomen* ends, not with typical operatic tragedy, but with one lover collapsed in rejection. While none of the melodies are as hummable as those in *Pirates of Penzance* or *The Mikado,* the score itself offers rich, emotional rewards.

Double cast as usual, the opening night performance featured Baker Peeples as the innocent Colonel Fairfax, falsely accused of sorcery (it's the 17th century) and awaiting execution in the Tower of London. Wandering troubadours and fools-for-hire Elsie Maynard and Jack Point, played with consummate skill by Lamplighter stars Jane Hammett and Rick Williams, meander onto the scene following the Guard's opening chorus.

Elsie is soon prevailed upon to marry (for a few crowns) the imprisoned hero ("He'll be hanged in an hour anyway") in order to thwart the relatives who wish to inherit Jack's fortune. Blindfolded and paid for her brief service, she marries the prisoner and returns to Jack to await her imminent widowhood. Meanwhile, Fairfax's friends, Lt. Cholmondeley (Jonathan S. Spencer) and Sgt. Meryll (Will Connolly) plot to save him. Meryll's daughter Phoebe (fine mezzo-soprano Theresa Cardinale), who loves Fairfax, extracts the keys to the tower from the buffoonish jailer, Wilfred (Behrend J. Eilers), who in turn loves Phoebe. Fairfax escapes, disguises himself as Phoebe's brother, and sets about wooing Elsie.

Jean Cardin Ziaja played Dame Carruthers, the tower's housekeeper and leader of the rabble-rousing citizenry who are irate at the prisoner's escape and the cancellation of the execution. Soprano Laura Storm made a brief but lovely impression in the "Strange Adventure" quartet.

In typical Gilbert and Sullivan plotting, early mismatched lovers later find true love (or settle for a close approximation) by the final curtain. In *Yeomen,* however, the exception is poor Jack Pointer. His comedy and patter songs prove to little avail in his romantic quest, and he falls into a faint as Elsie falls into the arms of the now-exonerated hero, the dashing Fairfax.

Handsomely staged and seamlessly directed by Orva Hoskinson, *Yeomen's* elegant melodies and complex choral work were beautifully focused under Bruce Lamott's baton. Sets and lights were by Stephen Elspas and costumes by John C. Gilkerson. Producer John J. Alecca pulled it all together.

The Yeomen of the Guard continues at the Lamplighters' Presentation Theatre Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 and Sundays at 2:30, through Nov. 1. Call 752-7755.

In Brief

MEDUSA'S LAST STAND

Theatre Pomegranate's latest production features Laura Meshel and Colm Wood (who also wrote the play) in a supercharged farcical nightmare-for-two in which M.G., a recently promoted middle-management woman (though still trapped under the glass ceiling) humiliates, harangues and sexually harasses her new male secretary from the throne of her new office. A short piece of about 45 minutes, this feverishly performed vision of a feminist New Order is really a one-joke idea that is both dogmatic and didactic and repeats itself once the point has been made. The acting, a touch too broad and manic for the closeness of the audience, lacks the subtlety and confidence of Meshel & Wood's previous work. Perhaps as a play-in-progress, this new satire might be shortened, sharpened and staged as a curtain raiser for Wood's more fully realized two-character *Ribs.* Nominated last year by the Critics Circle as an outstanding original script, *Ribs* will be revived Dec. 3-20 as one of the Climate Theatre's winter season of three dark comedies.

Medusa's Last Stand plays through this weekend at Theatre Pomegranate, 495 Clementina, 8 pm. Call 512-7965.

BEAT

On vacation when *Beat* first opened, I unfortunately caught this original theater piece late in its run and it is now closed. Anthony St. Martin, who conceived and directed the work, assembled a fine cast of actors, along with the bebop jazz of saxophonist Don Cunningham to stage a tribute to Beat Generation poets.

Sprawled at coffeehouse tables on a multi-level set at the North Beach Repertory, eight poets drink, recite, argue, rante and rave to recreate and reexamine a social movement of disillusioned writers who were turned off in the 1950s by a directionless post-war society.

Of special interest were the readings and characterizations of Nino De Gennaro as Jack Kerouac, George Killingsworth in a quiet, sensitive reading as Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Linda Pacio as Diane DiPrima and Isa Totah as the charismatic Allen Ginsberg. Timothy Lane played Michael McClure (who visited rehearsals and lent his memory bank), Ian Hirsch was a manic, volatile Gregory Corso, Kenneth Hayes was Gary Snyder, and Micci Toliver was Bob Kaufman.

Whether you were familiar with the works of these Beat poets or not, this was a unique, genuinely entertaining and historically significant evening of experimental theater.

The review of Abundance *in the previous issue was inadvertently attributed to Gene Price. Charles Whaley, local correspondent for* New York Stages, *contributed the review.*

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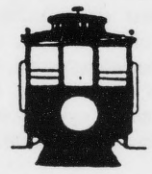

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Italian Newcomer Still Needs Work

It was lasagne weather. You know, one of those rainy, cold San Francisco days when a mere salad just won't cut it. So we headed off to the newest Lower Haight eatery, Benvenuti, at the corner of Haight and Steiner. I had been wondering what would emerge from the year-long transformation this locale had undergone, and the resulting two-month-old pizzeria and restaurant proved, for the most part, a worthwhile investment.

Partners Benito Storniolo and Angelo Cardarelli have successfully run Benvenuti at Fisherman's Wharf for the past seven years; as enthusiastic young men of 23 and 19, these Italians endured a difficult beginning period, often working in the kitchen and serving food themselves. Although Benito still enjoys cooking at least one night a week, these days he enjoys a more relaxed style of management, concentrating on talking with customers who are quickly becoming regulars at his second, much more "neighborhood" restaurant. "At the wharf restaurant, you only see folks once, twice, maybe three times, then they're gone," Benito told me, referring to the constant flux of tourists through the wharf Benvenuti. He much prefers getting to know his guests, spending time—sometimes too much time, he admits—yammering about this and that.

As for the place itself, it's still in the process of being redecorated; half the walls textured with sponged painting, the other half a neutral gray. "Live 105" blares over the speakers, intruding on what might be an intimate meal, but if you like that sort of thing, well, then... An open kitchen shows cooks hard at work, almost frantic, preparing pizza pies, entrees and salads. A large, triangular non-utilitarian bar displays wines and beers, and takes up too much space. Smokers are sent to the upstairs area, where some ten tables are placed casually and walls are brightly decorated with geometric patterns.

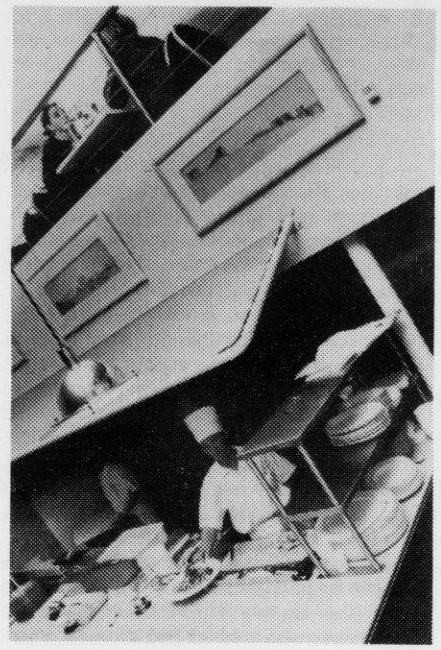
We were dining with children, and our server had an unfortunately difficult time. Whether it was the kitchen's poor timing or her faulty service, I do not know, but it was like we had a ten-course meal, with first the soup arriving, then the salad, then two more appetizers, then, after a long delay, one out of the five entrees we had ordered arrived. Bumbling was the word that came to mind. A cheery, apologetic disposition soothed the situation, but in the end, when we wanted the check and the kids were getting antsy, as all children do in restaurants, we were waiting for too long.

Just about the best thing is Benvenuti's wine list: The most expensive wine on the list, a **Chianti Reserve** from Casa Francesco, is a mere $14. Casa Francesco's Chianti Straw bottle, at $11, matches this robust cuisine perfectly, with a raw, hearty taste and deep red color.

A bowl of **Minestrone** ($2.50) pleased one of the kiddies (Camille) but the other (Chris) would have none of it; I personally found it a simple, well-spiced tomato broth with plenty of garden vegetables; but I missed the beans and pasta usually found in Minestrone. Better care should be taken to ensure freshness in the **Prawns Cocktail** ($5.25); the one we sampled consisted of four (not five, as our server informed us it should have been) rubbery, less than fresh, smallish prawns on ice with a ramekin of basic, horseradishy cocktail sauce.

But kudos on the **Caesar Salad** ($4.75), a truly excellent rendition, with torn romaine leaves tossed in a creamy, garlicky dressing with plenty of zesty croutons and *pecorino* (not the usual parmesan) cheese. The Caesar alone is worth a trip, for such an affordable and plentiful portion. And we loved the **Fried Mozzarella** ($3.75), a healthy slab of cheese lightly breaded, fried, topped with a rich tomato sauce, and dotted with green olives. The kids began to fidget, though, since we had been sitting for well over an hour before our entrees staggered to the table.

Chef Hong Long in the kitchen at Benvenuti: Inconsistent fare, but a few good dishes at a reasonable price. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland



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Fried Scallops ($8.95) were first to appear, and what a bounty of scallops there was! At least 20 scallops were mounded on the plate, with a heavy but tasty breading, and a cup of cocktail sauce. Some squishy fusilli pasta in marinara sauce, and succulent sauteed squash and broccoli rounded out this bargain of a plate. The weather-perfect **Lasagna Bolognese** ($8.25) was served in a hot gratin dish violently spattered with black and brown spots—most unappetizing—but for the price perhaps I protest too much. The lasagne, a big square of layered pasta, ground beef, and cheese, was hearty, heavy and satisfying. I've tasted worse versions of **Spaghetti Pomodoro** ($7.75), an honest plate of pasta cooked al dente with roasted garlic and shallots and fresh chunks of tomato, but not a speck of fresh basil, as the menu suggests.

Our server clomped up the stairs with Chris and Camille's **Hamburgers** ($4.25), cooked as ordered, but without heed to the request for no onions. What can you do when an enormous burger, easily enough for two five-year-olds (a word from the server would have been helpful so we wouldn't have ordered two), is served on a chewy, hard-to-cut-in-half French roll? Well, first pick off the onions, then do your best to tear at the bread, while the kids start in on the potato chips. Some good-quality sirloin assauged their guardian's temper, while the kids thought the burgers were "too big" and "too dry."

Dessert and coffee was an iffy course, seeing that it was really time to go. The **Chocolate Mousse Cake** ($2.40) was decent, the **Pecan Pie** ($2.50) better than average, though baked in a prepared crust. Why do restaurants do this? The crust plainly does not taste or feel good in the mouth. These were accompanied by dishwater coffee and a plea for the check.

Benvenuti needs work—the kitchen feels chaotic to the customer, some dishes clearly do not please the eye or the palate, and more work on the atmosphere is in order, too. As for dining with children, any kids, normal kids, even superbright five-year-olds who spell their own names in a flash, grow impatient. So we appreciated the delivery of ketchup and mustard, but cannot bring ourselves to return with children to Benvenuti—it's too much on the caretakers' nerves.

Around Town...

What a pleasant cup of joe I enjoyed at **Polk St. Beans & Cafe** (1733 Polk St.) the other morning. With a truly tender, flavorful blueberry muffin, my day started off with a leisurely read of the weeklies, in a sunny, warm space. Large windows look out on Polk Street, soothing music plays, and the customers seem more interested in their cappuccinos, books or significant others than in cruising other bleary-eyed coffee drinkers. Nice, for a change.

A weekend in Monterey brought me once again to **Tutto Buono** (469 Alvarado, downtown). What a bright spot this is indeed! Owner/manager Geralynn always offers terrific antipasti such as *panzanella* (deliriously tasty bread salad), brick oven pizzas with all the Mediterranean toppings (eggplant, artichokes, goat cheese, etc.), fresh pastas, and authentic, must-try desserts (Tiramisu, ricotta cheesecakes). The fun cafeteria-style service allows examination before ordering and helps keep prices down. All sorts of beverages (from first-rate espresso drinks to glitzy mineral waters) are available, and there's a large selection of items to take home, like dried pastas, wines and packaged bread sticks.

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Some of the leather attractions at Powersurge! 1992, a lesbian-only S/M conference featuring workshops, toys, art, and "play parties."
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Powersurge! 1992

("I could have danced all night... and still have asked for more... Please, Mistress?")

by Debra Miller

This past Labor Day Weekend over 300 S/M leather dykes met in Seattle for the first lesbian-only S/M conference, Powersurge! Although there have been many S/M events held in various cities, this was the first lesbian-only event to be held over a three-day weekend. After a year of planning, the many coordinators and volunteers were excited to witness the fruits of their work. And they need not have worried, because it was an unmitigated success!

The traditional Friday night "Meet and Greet" (lovingly dubbed "Beat and Greet"), was highlighted by a service auction, hosted by the leather-tux-attired "Dr. Danger." Originally scheduled for only an hour, the crowd became so involved in various bidding wars (one service was "bought" for 20,000 "Cunt Bucks"), that the festivities lasted well over two-and-a-half hours. It was the perfect way to meet and flirt with the many new faces.

On Saturday, participants had the choice of many workshops, among them, "Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down" (bondage and suspension), "These Are a Few of My Favorite Things..." (whips, canes and spankings) and "Babes and Dudes" (the femme/butch thing). In the "great hall," craftswomen and vendors from all over the country set up their display of goods. One could purchase body jewelry, leather goods, posters, whips, canes and name tags. Opposite the hospitality table was an exhibit of S/M-related art. A quiet room was available for 12-step meetings, and as a place where people could find space to absorb all the input.

It was not long after the last workshop of the day ended that the Amazon Feast began. A large hall was turned into a fancifully decorated environment, representing the many interpretations of Amazonia, where boxing and wrestling could be had, along with knife throwing, ring tossing (onto a human figure, of course), and a special ritual piercing by Lamar Van Dyke and friends. The food was exquisitely prepared and presented, featuring grilled trout, whole chickens, an array of bean and rice dishes, whole grain breads, cheese and fruit. The only imperfection of the evening was a lack of space. The organizers of the event never dreamed that there would be so many women in attendance. Because of the number of people, a dance performance by the recently reunited Midnight Pink Company had to be canceled.

For those who still had any energy, there were two dungeon "play parties" held that night. Once again, because of the large number of women, the dungeons were held in two three-hour shifts. They were each well-attended and smoothly managed.

Before long, Sunday morning arrived and, although everyone was tired, this was clearly no time to worry about sleep. The brunch and not-to-be-missed "Human Stringed Ensemble" was presented. A cello, drum, harp and vibes, made up of happy volunteers, were played by mistress-musicians to a cheering audience. All agreed it was a great way to start the day.

More workshops followed—"Torch Song Trilogy" (fire, heat and branding); "Dykes With Dicks"; "1-900-976-PLAY" (dirty talk, psycho games and fetishes)—and the day was only half over! An erotica show was held at a local nightspot during the evening, and later that night another round of play parties.

Just retelling the schedule makes me weak! How can I convey the fun and excitement of meeting with S/M lesbians from all over? How can I convey the support and opportunity for learning that such a gathering offers? To be an S/M dyke is not an easy road. We are kicked out of events, picketed, called names and generally disliked—and that's just from our vanilla lesbian sisters. This event was important on many levels for those of us with alternative loving styles, and I would like to thank the women who had the vision and the guts to carry it through. I am plotting and planning my Powersurge 1993 weekend already. Now, what should I wear on the first night?

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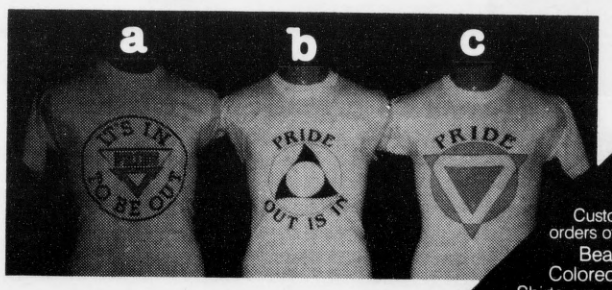

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BY CHING CHANG

Davies Hall Facelift

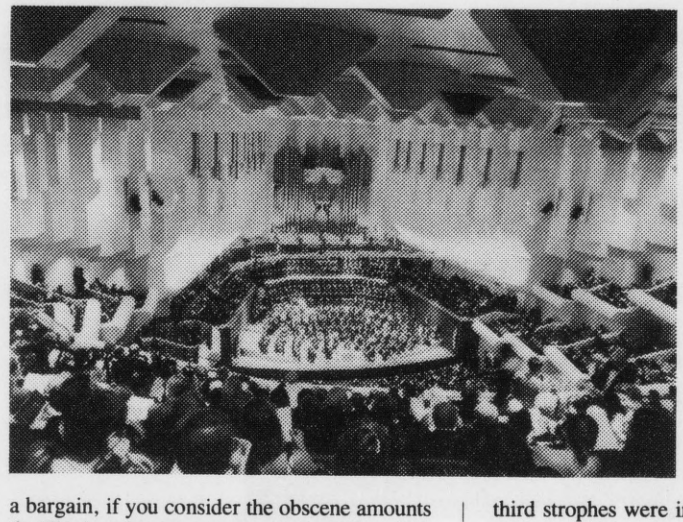
With a few concert sets into the SF Symphony's season and an overall positive response, it does seem as if San Franciscans might some day be able to stop apologizing for Davies Symphony Hall. Never mind that it took $10 million, never mind that the number of seats has been reduced, never mind that tickets will be more difficult to obtain (especially inexpensive and discounted ones, I suspect), and never mind that only rich San Franciscans are likely to be able to regularly afford the enjoyment of the improved hall. The new and improved Davies Hall, unveiled last month, does offer home audiences at least a promise that Davies is acoustically redeemable.

In Mahler's *Symphony #2 in C-,* which opened the regular season, the hall offered its listeners for the first time the full scope of orchestral textures which were largely lost in past performances of the work (most recently, with Michael Tilson Thomas in 1990). It seemed as if a transparent curtain had lifted, and the presence of the sound could be felt, rather than just heard. In the loud booming sections, where before there had been a cacophonous flood of sound, the contributions of individual instruments could now be distinguished. The phrasing of soft passages in the past often amounted to an exercise in frustration, because certain sounds would just simply fall flat on your lap and die, whereas now they resonate and attempt to sing. All of this, of course, greatly enhances one's emotional involvement with the music, rather than perpetuate the cliche of sleepy passivity which haunts symphony concert-goers.

Aesthetically, a lot more reddish-brown wood is now visible, which brings a subtle sense of humanity to the place, and while it does not make the 3,000-seat space feel intimate to me (as the symphony administration is trying to make people believe), it certainly adds an element of vitality to the hall. Sharp concrete-and-plaster edges are less visible, having been substituted by rounded vertical protrusions above the stage, which are far less intimidating. The floor of the orchestra stage appears to have been lowered, improving sightlines, and the chorus terrace now seems more like an integral part of the stage than before. Davies has also been reduced by 320 seats, which probably represents an even greater reduction of the more affordable rear orchestra seating (the ones usually sold at a discount to students and senior citizens on limited incomes), since hundreds of box seats were created—boxes are anticipated to be choice seating by the symphony administration—and, like boxes at the opera, the symphony expects you to make a donation in addition to the ticket prices if you want to subscribe to box seating.

Interestingly, perhaps the greatest beneficiaries of this sonic make-over extravaganza will prove to be the human voices. The blending of chorus voices in the muted pianissimo Auferstehn entrance had bone-chilling restraint and yet the hall afforded it all the definition it needed. It was simply sublime. Even Charlotte Hellekant's small mezzo-soprano voice (a little too opaque for my taste) seemed to come through without major problems.

Praises aside, there are some flaws which need to be urgently addressed. While more clarity of inner voices is obvious in more structurally complex writing, it is also blatantly clear that new balances and tonal blends need to be worked out by the orchestra. This is especially true of the string sections, whose sounds have been greatly sacrificed in this acoustical overhaul. Unless they were playing by themselves (in which case they were fine), I often found myself leaning forward in frustration in futile attempts to hear the violins and violas. Heaven forbid, should the strings ever need to play against the brass, the plucking and bowing won't stand the slightest chance. Also, perhaps having something to do with the large acrylic pizza boxes which function as acoustical reflectors, I noticed that certain tessituras within the orchestra seemed to bounce very pronouncedly off the back of the hall, which made some voices seem like separate entities, indifferent to the ensemble. No doubt that $10 million can buy the symphony a lot of good—it is actually quite a bargain, if you consider the obscene amounts the City is trying to come up with for Bob Lurie's players and his ballpark—but it will still take patient experimentation and time before Davies can be declared an unqualified acoustical sanctuary.



The new Davie's Hall: More aesthetically pleasing, better sound for voices, but orchestra needs more tonal balance, and there are fewer affordable seats.
Photo by Ray "Scotty" Morris

MAGNIFICAT'S HEROES, FOOLS AND NYMPHS

Considering how problematic it is to have a full symphonic experience, simply because of the sheer massiveness and number of the elements involved, time and again I wonder if people know how to actively seek out alternative music experiences. In the Bay Area we are fortunate enough to have a great variety of ensembles which do excellent performances all the time. Some of them are less professional than others, some are quite excellent, but most of these groups are potentially capable of putting on a worthwhile program, a more fulfilling musical experience than being subjected to a bombardment of the senses at a full-scale professional grand-opera production. Yes, there is the risk of disappointment in performance expectations, but that is just part of the adventure. One such adventure—without risk—was the concert presented by the San Francisco-based Magnificat ensemble, called "Heroes, Fools and Nymphs: The Music of Venice and Rome," presented in San Francisco, Berkeley and San Jose over this past weekend. It was an inventive program, with excellent musicians.

It opened with the self-questioning Monteverdi canzonetta "Chi Vol che Minnamorari," from *Selva Morale e Spirituale,* (later its second and third strophes were interspersed at appropriate sections of the program, giving the program an organic unity) and Dario Castello's *Sonata Quarta.* Then came Carissimi's famed oratorio based on the biblical tale of Jephte, with tenor Kenn Chester singing Jephte, and Susan Rode Morris as the virgin daughter to be sacrificed. After intermission, Magnificat performed Biagio Marini's *Passacaglio a 3,* Schutz's Es steh Gott auf SWV 356 and a wonderful semi-staged *Ballo per l'Imperatore Ferdinando III,* from Monteverdi's *Madrigali Guerrieri et Amorosi.*

Part of the success of this program relied, no doubt, on the artistry of the small ensemble, and even if certain sections could have been more revealing had they been more extensively rehearsed, the musical integrity was always present. From Lisa Weiss' bravura violin to operatically trained Ken Chester's involved depiction of his roles, determination and pleasure in making music was obvious. It is unfortunate that a program of this caliber was so poorly attended—Berkeley's First Congregational was less than half-full—and yet, as far as those involved were concerned (the musicians and the audience in attendance), the sharing and enjoyment of the experience was certainly a higher priority than the filling up of seats.

If you would like to attend the second concert of Magnificats in this year's series, the ensemble will put on a Christmas concert Dec. 18-20, with music from the Dresden Court Chapel, played on original instruments, and a concert entitled Saints and Buffoons, with music by Marc-Antoine Charpentier on Feb. 12-14. Call (415) 923-3730 for information.

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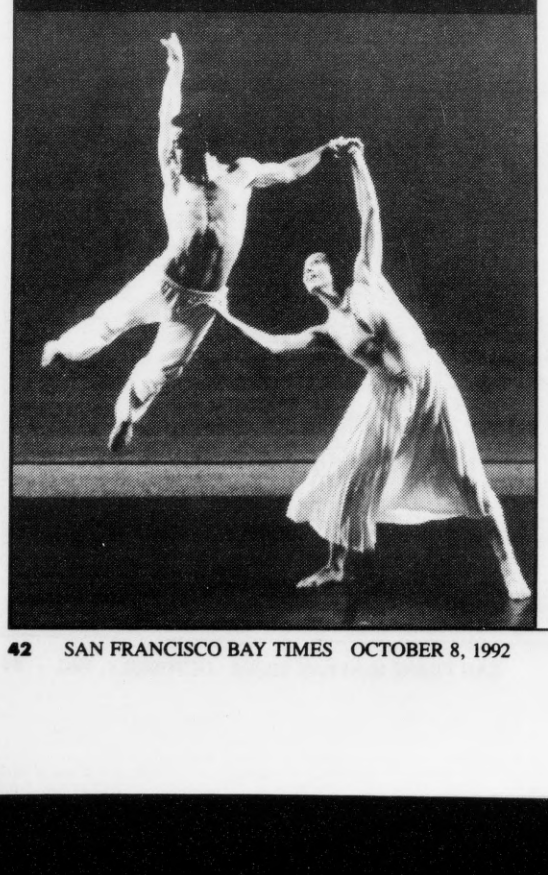

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Ishi, the Last Yahi

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Introduced at the Mill Valley Film Festival, and playing at the Castro and Roxie theater this month, is an engrossing new documentary film by Jed Riffe and Pamela Roberts called *Ishi, the Last Yahi*. It's the story of Ishi, who was the only Yahi Indian to survive the extermination of the ancient tribe in Northern California. Ishi appeared one day, out of the blue, in the town of Oroville in 1911. He was scooped up by anthropologists and was subsequently transported to the Museum of Anthropology in San Francisco, where he was housed and studied as the only living relic of a decimated 4,000-year-old culture.

The film contains extraordinarily well-preserved motion picture footage, hundreds of photographs and original wax recordings that chronicle the last Yahi's strange existence in the crowded metropolis. Beyond the sensationalized pop treatment of Ishi by the press as a Ripley's believe-it-or-not phenomenon, tagged as the "last Stone Age man," Ishi emerges as an individualistic person whose cultural significance marks a major turning point in white and Native American history.

The filmmakers dignify Ishi's unique position and use it to speak about America's policy of Manifest Destiny, with its racism, materialistic greed, genocidal expansionism and its preoccupation with the myth of scientific progress at all costs.

The film concentrates its photo-narrative to document life in parts of Northern California between 1900-1915. Mobs of dressed-up urbanites are seen dodging trolleys and horse-drawn vehicles at Market and Powell streets. Inside the packed Orpheum, theatregoers are watching the darling of the time, Lily Lenye. Ishi, along with his handlers, is seated in the audience. The media uses the opportunity to imply a Beauty and the Beast romance between the actress and the "wild man." In actuality, for most of the performance, Ishi was watching the audience. Before coming to San Francisco, he had never seen more than 40 people at any one time.

In the land of his birth, near Mt. Lassen, white settlers had killed off every one of his contemporaries in his indigenous clan. We see a photo of a group of footloose cigar-smoking young men with big bushy mustaches, cowboy hats and Winchester rifles: bounty hunters. The going rate for Indians was $5 per body and 50 cents per scalp. We see background archival photos of 49ers descending upon Indian country like locusts, all jammed up one after another along the riverbeds, panning for gold.

Also coming to California in the early 1900s were slews of Eastern academicians with neatly trimmed beards, wearing suits with high stiff collars. They were less keen on civilizing the West than they were on establishing careers and disciplines for studying what was left of the barbarians on the Barbary Coast. One such academician, anthropologist Alfred Kroeber of U.C. Berkeley, had been searching for years to find an uncivilized specimen of aboriginal man in order to study him before his kind disappeared forever.

At first, Kroeber treated Ishi like a found object, a prize butterfly in his collection. But Ishi's complexities, his strength, his humanity, and his desire and ability to communicate undermined any predispositions Kroeber might have had toward treating the Yahi as some sort of Neanderthal. In fact, there was a fruitful countertransference played out between them in the mentor/student dynamic.

Ishi conveyed useful information to Kroeber about his life as he lived it, when the two of them went north on a field expedition to Ishi's homeland. He also related the most important myths of his tribe, concerning creation and the journey of death, which were captured on the wax recordings. But Kroeber was never really able to understand, as Ishi's language was virtually untranslated for years until the linguist Sapir came to San Francisco and began decoding the information.

Ishi, the Last Yahi, seated for a portrait in SF: A person whose cultural significance marks a major turning point in white and Native American history.

"Brother's Keeper," a sensitive film giving us a glimpse of life on the edge for four eccentric dairy farming brothers, one of whom is accused of murder. Photo by Derek Berg

What seems most striking about Ishi, the man, was his emotional courage. He withstood the wholesale annihilation of his people, which included witnessing a massacre as a young boy. He survived for 40 years in hiding. When Ishi finally decided to enter the white man's world as the last one of his tribe still alive, he did so with incredible equilibrium. He proceeded to learn to communicate with the white man. When he saw his first airplane, he pointed up and asked if there was a white man inside. When he was answered affirmatively, Ishi had a long and hearty laugh. He died after what must have been four very bizarre years for him in San Francisco.

Brother's Keeper

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

A truly gripping courtroom drama and real-life mystery comes to the Roxie for a nine-day run starting Oct. 16, and a three-day run at UC Berkeley, Nov. 5-7. *Brother's Keeper*, directed by Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky, is cinema verite at its best. On the night of June 6, 1990, 59-year-old Delbert Ward was accused of murdering his 64-year-old brother William in the bed they had shared together since childhood. The alleged murder took place in a ramshackle farmhouse outside the small town of Munnsville in upstate New York. The film keeps us guessing whether Delbert was innocent or guilty of mercy killing, and until the very end, it's impossible to figure out what the jury's verdict will be. What makes the drama particularly poignant is the glimpse into the lives of four very strange and pathologically shy bachelor brothers, who never left each other's sides during a lifetime of impoverished isolation on their farm. When the world finally did burst in on them, it was a media circus. Suddenly, "the Ward boys," with all of their vulnerabilities, were open season for the press and the criminal justice system.

The defense attorney claimed that the accused, Delbert Ward, was mentally retarded, that he was a child in a man's body and that the confession of murder was coerced out of him by state police. The prosecution claimed that the confession was given by a man who was severely deprived socially, but that he was guilty of fratricide. The investigating team tried to imply that sperm found on William's pant leg might be evidence of an incestuous murder of love gone wrong. One of the neighbors appears before the camera and says that this is just another setup, that "the boys" were being framed as queer dumb farmers, and that he didn't think they should be bothering about Delbert and Bill having sex together. What they should be thinking about is that Delbert was coerced into a confession without an attorney present and without knowing about his rights or what he was signing.

It was the autopsy that led police to the farm. As the trial progresses, we learn that the medical examiner had changed his evaluation after Delbert confessed to suffocating William. Besides the confession, there was no substantial forensic evidence that Bill didn't just die in his sleep after suffering from cancer for six months. The filmmakers filmed a year in the life of Delbert and his remaining brothers while the trial was going on. At several points they asked him what he had confessed and he answered: "I told them that Bill would be better off away from his pain. I wanted to make sure Bill was dead—that's the answer they told me to give."

Brother's Keeper is a touching human drama, all the more so because it's nonfiction and the characters come into focus as personalities before our eyes. The filmmakers' unobtrusiveness and sensitivity tone down the material, which could so easily have lent itself to sensationalism and unredeemed voyeurism.

We are given a glimpse into life on the very edge, and we are shown how a rural backwoods community came to rally to the defense of their outcast neighbors. From the time Delbert was arraigned until after the trial, the filmmakers were there capturing all the key moments, interviewing everyone, following the brothers through their workdays, and speaking to them intimately despite their awkward reluctance to reflect on their lives and on what might have actually happened. It's a slice of drama pulled from an Americana we rarely think of as still existing.

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The Two-Bit Tango

By Elizabeth Pincus
Spinsters Book Co., 1992; $9.95

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Somewhere toward the end of this action-packed mystery novel, private investigator Nell Fury indulges in a wee moment of fantasy: "By the time I made it back to Ramona Avenue, I was wondering who would play the part of me in the sure to be upcoming movie version of *Nell Fury, Private Eye*. Naturally, these bursts of ego come and go, rare and fleeting as a warm summer's day in San Francisco. I fed the fish ..." Indeed, Elizabeth Pincus' just-published detective novel would make a wonderful Hollywood movie. She's got interesting stock characters, well-chosen location shots, a plot revolving around city corruption, a touch of sex industry sleaze, a cool and smart narrator, and she's even scripted in a thrilling car chase.

The best part of all is that she's cast the lead character as a lesbian gumshoe with a sense of humor who has a keen eye for detail and a penchant for cheap coffee shops, dyke bars, loyal friends, and congenial lovers. With her "woman-of-the-world" composure she tells her client Olive Jones in no uncertain terms: "You've been reading too much Raymond Chandler ... I only sleep with clients if they're *ex*-clients. And then only if they're lesbians."

Olive Jones of Los Angeles has hired Nell Fury to find her identical twin sister Cate, who's missing in action somewhere in San Francisco. Nell begins her investigation at the SF Art Institute, which gives her a lead on Cate's other life among the erotic dancers at Club Femmes in the Tenderloin. The search continues from the Castro to Pacific Palisades to Orinda, with a number of murders uncovered along the way. Nell also stumbles upon the workings of a big-time crime operation involving a member of the SF Board of Supervisors.

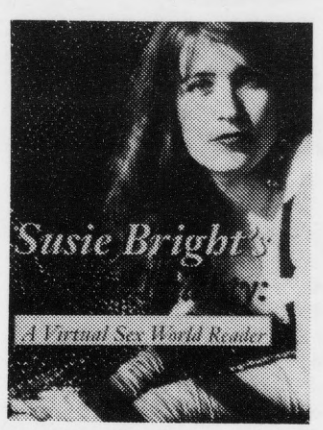
Nell charges from lead to lead and hunch to hunch, putting her life on the line as the mystery unfolds and the pieces come together. She takes us all over the place on a wild romp which never peters out and which never fails to amuse and entertain. The style of the book is firmly situated in the hard-boiled detective genre. It reads like this: "I hadn't been to my office since last weekend. Shoot, I was probably missing all kinds of chances to serve subpoenas and shadow wayward spouses. It was weird, I still had that big chunk of dough from Olive Jones, but it smelled like hush money to me and I didn't know what to do with it."

Nell's narration carries the book, and she consistently engages our interest. Her low-key matter-of-factness is heightened by her wit, her adventurousness and by a real passion for doing what she likes to do best: to follow people, to trip around the city with the enthusiasm of a tour guide, and to participate fully in her own life, which she sees as a movie in progress.

The author of *The Two-Bit Tango*, Elizabeth Pincus, is a film buff herself, known around town as a newspaper film critic. Now we find out that she is also an ex-private eye as well as the author of two previously published Nell Fury stories in the WomanSleuth anthology series.

Susie Bright's Sexual Reality: A Virtual Sex World Reader

By Susie Bright
Cleis Press, 1992; $9.95



Reviewed by Randy Turoff

My girlfriend's teenage daughter was ragging on Madonna. Madonna had just fallen off the pedestal she had occupied for J. for the past few years. Apparently, Madonna had just gone too far in "losing her religion" by modeling in suggestive kid porn poses in a recent national magazine photo spread. She was pushing J.'s buttons around issues of child exploitation. J. was angry that someone like Madonna, with all of her power and potential influence, could be using her unique position to participate in such retro babydoll fantasies.

I don't subscribe to pigtail porn fantasies myself, but I suggested that perhaps Madonna was just going along her merry moneymaking way, breaking taboos and busting the current rash of false earnestness over traditional family values. Madonna's role, as I read it, has never been one of civic responsibility or political leadership. She's a bad girl, not a good girl, and if she drives around the Lower East Side in her dark-windowed limousine picking up Latino street boys to fuck, well, that just highlights her racist and classist tendencies. But if this type of acting-out tickles enough people's fancies, she will continue to make the bucks and have a following.

I worry more, I told J., about people in fundamental denial trying to change my behavior, than I care about other people indulging in politically incorrect sexual expression or masturbating to tasteless commercialized porn. Of course, I have my own political and personal boundaries which I guard like a bulldog. Sex is a living dialogue which captivates the players, including myself. It's the oldest game in the world. I see Madonna as a sexual icon, I continued; she breaks social taboos and acts as a vehicle for bringing repressed material to the mainstream surface. "Repressed material?" my girlfriend piped up, "What's sexually repressed? It's all over the place."

Sex is what's repressed, I thought to myself; that's why we have all of these images filtered through guilt, fear, hatred, crime and punishment. Which brings me to Susie Bright's latest "everything you ever wanted to know about" virtual sex. In her introduction to the book *Susie Bright's Sexual Reality*, she writes: "Those who try to stamp out, criminalize and vilify forms of sexuality that offend them are also the first to fall under the virtual microscope that reveals their hypocrisy. Censors have turned certain states of the union into blindfolded territories, but they can't stop the little minds from fantasizing behind the blinders."

Susie sets out to explore the politics of sexual fantasy as it affects lesbians, gays and the notion of "community" erotic values. She shows how lesbian eroticism interfaces with hetero, bi and feminist attitudes toward sex and gender. She brings her own fantasies to the surface and exhibits her own vulnerabilities vis-a-vis the various sexual orientations in which she participates as insider and as outsider. She also continues to play her established roles as sex-positive cheerleader,

educator and sex-toy entrepreneur.

This collection of essays, culled from a number of different magazines and anthologies to which she's contributed, includes an entertaining interview with bratty Camille Paglia, who she sees as a flipped butch bottom; a discussion of the erotic possibilities of virtual reality computer sex (teledildonics); an essay on shiny plastic dildos and "what would I do if I had a penis?"; lesbians, pornography and men who get off on it; personal anecdotes from Susie Sexpert's national tour; fun with friends ("Story of O Birthday Party"); and betrayal, bisexuality, "heterosexual privilege" and fear of rejection. She also addresses the secret truth about lesbians, AIDS, and unsafe sex with gay men.

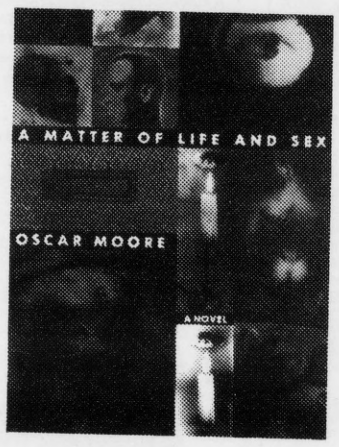
Carving out a niche for herself as a kind of modern American Colette, Susie brings her fun-loving and quirky sense of sexual liberation to the public at large. My favorite essay in the collection was the one on her pregnancy called "Egg Sex." Who else but Susie would hook up a power cord in the delivery room so that she could use a vibrator to help her relax during the birth of her daughter! From the get-go, ever-curious about the sexual aspects of life, Susie says she checked out every manual she could find to learn about sexuality during pregnancy—everything from Dr. Spock to the latest yuppie primers. But nowhere did she find anything aboveboard about the nitty-gritty reality of sex besides vague romantic notions of nuptial support and protection and the undesirability of the missionary position after five months. What the manuals left out and what she sees as basic is that "sex is a crucial way to prepare for childbirth" and that fist-fucking (perineal massage) is a great preparation for dilation. As she writes, "most couples and their care providers are steeped in the dominance of penis-vagina intercourse." The manuals didn't even give detailed info on basic physiological changes in the pregnant woman, like the massive enlargement of the clit. Most women, believes Susie, are not really thinking of birth as one of the greatest sexual experiences to be enjoyed. Most women are just afraid, and this makes the pain much worse. Many women who give birth, she notes, are single, lesbians or otherwise non-heterosexually coupled, but *none* of the parenting books reflected this reality at all. That's sexual politics.

Another challenging essay in the book was the last one, called "BlindSexual." It's a biographical tag-along piece of Susie's live-action sexual-identity acrobatics through the straight, lesbian and bi communities. What's the "balancing pin" for her? She writes: "Intellectually, we always favor those of our own sex, even if they're not our sexual partners. Bisexuals are the same as everyone else in this regard; we just get more opportunity to view the spectacle. To be with the opposite sex is never 'better'; it's a classic compromise. ...Jealousy, however, is the great equalizer." And she ends the essay on this flirtatious note: "Don't tell me who you 'are'. ... Show me what you can do. If you succeed in blinding me, I will follow you, potentially into loss, betrayal, into the fire walk. It will be personal; it will not necessarily be principled."

Unlike Paglia, Bright holds her lesbian identity in esteem. She cherishes her "dual citizenship" and the kind of sexual pleasures she receives from other women. Why? In the essay "Lesbians, Lies, Secrets and Silence" she puts it this way: "I think lesbians are lesbians because they have a desire for women that is only satisfied in an intimate union having nothing to do with being strong or weak, loyal or faithless. That union is supported by the lesbian community, but lesbian desire, not the community, is the bottom line. Lesbian desire doesn't go away because you have sex with men. It doesn't go away because of a positive diagnosis. It never goes away."

A Matter of Life and Sex

By Oscar Moore
Dutton, 1992; $20



Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

Despite author Oscar Moore's wonderful way with words, his first novel (recently released in the United States), *A Matter of Life and Sex*, features every gay cliche known to, uh, gay-kind. All but one. Thanks to AIDS, suicide is not necessary. Depicted are strong mother, weak father, and the sissy boy who hates to get dirty but likes to dress up in Mommy's clothes. Is Moore accessing universals with hapless Hugo or merely clinging to time-worn and worn-out stereotypes?

You can't judge a book by its cover (oops, a cliche), but the title effectively tips off the reader. No, not a matter of life and *death*, as the saying goes. Instead the title reveals Moore's simple premise that sex equals death...

> [Hugo] knew where the blame lay. It lay between his legs. It rarely just lay. It called itself by fancy names. He liked to know it as his libido. It had an appetite that any other world would not have been able to sate. The gay world, the toilet life, the barfly crawl dished up an endless round of torsos, penises, mouths, incidental conversations and nameswaps and nights in ill-clad council flats, tossing and writhing with another stranger. He couldn't have had it any other way.

The devastation of AIDS on the gay community is reflected in a glut of depressing novels that equate homosexuality with death. And surprisingly, these aren't illiterate preachings by uneducated, religious homophobic zealots. Instead, they are well-written (oftentimes) novels *by* homosexuals "with a message." But in these trying times, it's vitally important to remember that the act of same-sex love does not create immune deficiency. Rather, blame the virus/retrovirus/disease/whatever.

A Matter of Life and Sex chronicles the life and "loves" of hung homosexual Hugo from Hadley, England (a suburb of London). Denying mere chronological narration, the storytelling is complemented with letters from and to friends and teachers, a police report, etc., as well as a scattering of heart-rending scenes in the hospital as Hugo flirts with imminent death due to AIDS. Born in the early '60s to a middle-class family, Hugo quickly begins to wonder what his penis is for and what girls are for. At 14, his glances at porno mags are replaced by ever-increasing sexual encounters in a variety of public restrooms. His mother reads his highly detailed diary and ostracizes him. He finds intercourse with his "girlfriend" unsatisfactory, but they remain friends. He becomes a hustler, poses for pornography, gets arrested for lewd behavior, abuses drugs, learns he's HIV+.

Hugo is not a tragic hero. He hardly struggles against the pervasive machinations of internalized or societal homophobia. He hardly musters up energy for anything other than sex. Rather than improve his living conditions (leave his stifling home and heartily pursue an education and/or job to gain independence), he hems, haws, shrugs and then races off for another toilet/bar/encounter. Homosexuality and its incipient turpitude, irresponsibility and ennui destroys Hugo. And given all the other pathetic pansies portrayed in *Matter*, homosexuality is seen to cause the destruction of us all.

All in all, Hugo proves pretty unlikable—sure that he's superior to those around him, dissatisfied with the life and status he's born into, and yet incapable or unwilling to make any positive changes. Why feel sorry for someone who won't help himself? As desoribed, he's not particularly attractive, stuck with a sad body that he never builds up. He's also not particularly witty, distinctive or fascinating. No, all Hugo seems to have going for him is his somewhat large genitalia and slightly higher than average grades. Gee. He's a little too smart and a whole lot too unmotivated for his own good.

But Author Moore doesn't just dump on poor Hugo. No, he spares no gay characters with his razor-sharp depictions, as all the other gays are similarly miserable. Gay friends, lovers and acquaintances are all inadequate and/or unattractive:

> Barry had once been a beauty. His legs had been a conversation piece and his bum a much-pinched asset. He still wandered around the house in tight, white, satinette shorts. He was still fishing for compliments and pinches. He didn't see how he'd aged. How the gin had flushed a permanent rouge to his face. How his legs were out of fashion—too smooth and skinny for the latest muscle beach tastes. How his hair had thinned and his eyes had muddied. He hadn't noticed, or hadn't wanted to notice. So he still played the younger man. Hugo ruined that. Ten years younger, arrogant, promiscuous and endlessly chattering. With Hugo around, Barry felt old and drank a lot more gin.

Actually the only positive characters are several of the heterosexuals, including Hugo's father (ineffectual, but nice), Hugo's girlfriend Cynthia and her father.

Just who is *Matter* written for? Do gay authors really need to portray fellow gays as toilet-hopping, drug-snarfing satyrisiacs? (Oh, a satyrisiac is a male nympho.) Most heterosexuals already "know" this. And gay men and lesbians have already suffered the myriad angsts described so very thoroughly. *Matter* is most useful as a reminder of how lucky we are nowadays, and that things were, and could be again, worse. The book's overall effect is depressing, with its highly descriptive passages detailing gay stigmatization, arrogance, drug abuse, dependence, irresponsibility, promiscuity (without titillation), and unfulfilling sex. Rather, what we could use right now are more books about the lesbians and gay men who scream "fuck you" at a disapproving society and proceed to carve their own niche in life.

Portrait of the homosexual as a young man. Or portrait of the homosexual as a loser. *Matter* is definitely not for gays with low self-esteem. And given the paucity of plot twists and surprises, it's a bit long at 323 pages. But it is beautifully packaged, with a colorful collage cover and a pleasantly readable type size. Though Moore is obviously a talented writer with a gift for description and a clear understanding of his characters, better to hold out for the ample potential of his future work.

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I've Got The Chemistry...
In fact, two years and straight A's. I'm an East Bay femme biologist, looking for some biology with the right woman. Reading, birding, bicycles, long walks with binoculars and honest talks are wonderful. Can you handle an intense femme who believes in honesty, skirts, direct communication, intelligence, and great cooking? Any of you butch-of-center women interested? If you're also a nonsmoker, out of bars, and strong enough to let a femme also make love to you, then call! Or write 20824 Mission Blvd., #822, Hayward 94541 or call ★★1331.

Just For Fun
A 19-year-old college student needs a break from books and exams. I am looking for company and fun times. Nothing serious or too deep for words, just a companionship with someone who's mature and capable of excitement. Me: 5'8", femme, brown skin, hair and eyes, love jazz, ballet, picnics, movies, books and long discussions. You: open-minded, available for company, preferably living in the East Bay. Please call ★★1332.

Let's Move To The Country
And maybe have another kid. My kindergartener wants a sibling and I want a partner to watch the moon rise with in the green stillness surrounding our healing journey. I like small paths leading to quiet meadows where it's OK to cry and dance naked. Call ★★1333.

Heavenly & Dickless Are Cool
And so am I, but I just seem to forget that sometimes. I'm shy too with a taste for the unusual, like sci-fi books and kitschy movies. My musical likes include punk: almost anything on K, mostly woman-identified bands like Bikini Kill & 7 Year Bitch. I'm a beginning runner, walk a lot and consider amusement park rides a form of exercise. I would like to spend time with someone who enjoys staying in bed all day as much as going for long drives or hikes to nowhere. I'm 30, not slim but shapely with big calves, thighs & breasts. If you breathe and are interested or would like to become interested in any of the above, call me. I will return all calls. Reply BT Box OC2A or call ★★1334.

Tell The Truth
I miss cuddling, soul-stirring kisses and making you laugh; seeking a companion; a joyful sister who enjoys weekend getaways, our nearby ocean and getting dressed up for an evening of great music and adventure. Oh yes... I'm 40+, East Bay homeowner, zoftig, hardworking, leftist, yet quite silly and very good natured. I especially hope to meet other dykes of color. Please no alcohol/smoke/kitties. Reply BT Box OC3A or call ★★1335.

I Want More!
Dyke, a little on the butch side, is looking for playmates. I'm still new to S/M and want s.o. to top/train me. Please be a lesbian, a real person and fun. No (heavy) drugs, no control freaks. Don't like the phone much, so let's meet for a coffee and see if the feeling's right... Call ★★1336.

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Femme-of-center dyke, 23, seeks 20-something queer woman for fun, friendship and flirtation. Me: playful, intellectual, politically aware, outgoing, vivacious, articulate, spiritually open and stable. You? Must like reading, dancing, chocolate chip cookies, long talks over herbal tea and getting your back scratched. Does your life resemble "Dykes to Watch Out For?" NS or heavy users. Interested? Call ★★1338.

Looking For Love In All The Wrong Places!
Would like to meet someone special to share my time with. I like intelligent communication, movies, bikes, racquetball, laughing and having fun. I am active, sensitive, 32 y.o., 5'7", and attractive. Would be interested in having a relationship, but let's date first. Reply BT Box OC4A or call ★★1339.

Hard To Find Women In The Deep East Bay
I really enjoy the outdoors, sports, dancing and creative pursuits. I'm quiet, easygoing and independent. I seek women, 22-40 years old, with similar interests for friendship, fun and/or possible relationship. No smokers or heavy drugs. Reply BT Box OC5A.

Dental Dame
My dentist says I need something in my mouth at night. Call ★★1340.

Back In Old SF
Yet I'm bicoastal around the Bay. Other honest, semi-retired, trim, health consciously non-abusive gallant gal sought for long "walkin' talks," Cherokee style, arts escapades/collaborations, playful "laptime" (non-sexual awhile) & time for time sharing: my racewalk coaching, movement therapies, theater arts, and poetic license in urban gypsy trails accessible by BART. No put-down humorists, heavy drinkers, smokers, nor drug users. No strong scents. Aloha! Call ★★1341.

I Admire Feminine Beauty
And so do you. Extremely sensuous, pretty femme, 5'9" and curvy, looking for experienced, NS, feminine beauty, 5'7" or taller, for heavenly fantasies come true. We both love to kiss. I'm new to this but very open, HIV-. Reply BT Box OC6A or call ★★1342.

Sisters—East Bay Or SF
I'm in my mid-40s, nonsmoker, professional, who enjoys dining out, movies, outdoor activities & open to new ideas. Looking to meet new friends. Maybe more. If interested, please call. No heavy alcohol or drugs. Call ★★1343.

Gertrude Stein Seeks Alice B. Toklas
Brilliant silver woman in throes of creative angst and ecstasy seeks charming, witty partner for support, criticism and heavy petting. Reply BT Box OC7A

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Romantic Idiot
Married to someone else seeks sex goddess to fall in love with. Me: 5'8", muscles, curves, blue eyes, glasses, strong features, kind of cute. If you'd like your very own sissy butch sex object to dally away time with that you could be committing to someone appropriate, do call and tell me exactly what turns you on and if it turns me on too I'll call you back! Call ★★1346.

Are You A Kinda Quirky Romantic... Butch-of-center woman who'd love to play with an intelligent professional femme, who loves parks, walks, lingerie, birds and animals? You build the campfire and I'll do the cooking. We both can do the kissing. I enjoy someone silly and serious, nonsmoker, no drugs, who enjoys the excitement of each new day. Let's find romance and maybe a relationship under the stars. Call ★★1347.

I'm 27, educated, settled with myself and sick of games. I'm slightly butch, attractive femme with long hair and dark eyes, communicative, and a romantic at heart. I love dancing, and the sound of a smooth, feminine, bluesy voice. You're attractive, feminine, independent, and comfortable with yourself. You love to think, dance close and sexy, but also enjoy a prolonged awakening in a calm Sunday morning. Call ★★1348.

Kinda Assertive Femme
Average height/weight, attractive brown eyes/hair, 35 y.o., looking for average weight, kinda butch or kinda femme, who's bright, has a good sense of humor, 35-45 y.o., for romance et al. I like comedy, plays, flea markets, movies, quiet times at home, talking, jazzercise, poker and other stuff. I'm introspective, psychologically aware, bright, funny, sometimes gregarious, sometimes quiet, am playful, affectionate and politically minded. I communicate what I want/need (usually) and am responsible for my own feelings. You too (usually). Longterm: loving, stable, monogamous live-in relationship with children. Call ★★1349.

Seeking Friendship/Poss. Relationship
I am a 27-year-old African-American woman. Friendship holds a very special place in my heart. I am financially and emotionally stable. I love to laugh and have fun. I love music, dancing, reading and sports. Age/race unimportant. Give me a call. I'm looking forward to hearing from you! All will be answered. Call ★★1350.

I'm 23, femme with spine of steel, caring, coy, intelligent, attractive, pert and pragmatic. I enjoy exploring SF, volunteering, dancing and socializing. You should be in your 20s and enjoy cozy times, children's books, foot massages and homecooked meals. Call ★★1351.

Things That Make Me
Go mmmmmm... Rubbing you through your clothes, silky moist panties, sexy eyes, killer kisses in all the right places & of course fantasy play. If you are looking for an exciting diversion from your busy life and would find pleasure in the company of a sexually adventurous, good-looking professional, call me now, I would love to talk with you. Call ★★1352.

Empowered Country Woman
Open to nearly limitless possibilities, seeks a lover. I love myself, the earth, my friends and my life here on the North Coast. I'm 40s, attractive, healthy, energetic, short, strong, brownish Caucasian, self-reliant, gentle but firm, handy & creative. I do massage, gardening, environmental, spiritual & artistic work. Into: yoga, healing, touching; learning to love unconditionally and to dance better & whatever else feels good to body, mind and spirit. Can talk and listen, love and be loved. Too busy for melodrama, but time for fun and games, especially on long weekends with someone sorta like me. Willing to visit and be visited. Reply: J.V., PO Box 25, Fort Bragg, CA 95437.

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Shorter Days, Longer Nights
I am: bright, funny, very attractive, sexual, fit, professional, willing and available, self-knowing and accepting, Mendocino lover, cat lover, 45, butch of center. You are: all of the above, good cook, 36-46, femme of center. Reply BT Box OC8A or call ★★1354.

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East Bay, discreet, attractive, petite GWF, looking for friendship first with a feminine, intelligent, sensual, artistic but down-to-earth, 19 to 25, alternative rock, straight-like but queer girl, who would like to have a monogamous, committed, romantic, passionate relationship. Must have great communication skills, good sense of humor, healthy mind and body, respect yourself and others, and integrity. No smokers or drug users. Call ★★1355.

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Sought by honest, friendly, easygoing, open-minded, nonsmoking, 34-year-old feminist. My interests include: walking, hiking, conversation, photography, cooking, music, dancing, movies and other cultural events. I'm seeking a humorous partner with similar qualities and some of the same interests. Reply BT Box OC9A or call ★★1357.

Fire At Midnight
Would you like something hot and sweet very soon? I'm a romantic, disabled lesbian poet looking for a woman sure of her femaleness who likes picnics at the beach, the Marina at midnight and all that the fire between us can bring. I'm 39, with lots of youthful energy and I'm interested in women of all ages, races, sizes. Reply BT Box OC10A or call ★★1358.

Woman Seeking Women
Asian, mid-30s, looking for gay friends to go out to movies, dinners. Also looking for partner and soulmate that understands what commitment and relationship means. Enjoy candlelight dinners, fireplaces, like to cuddle, caring and understanding. Hate liars, materialistic, one-night stands. Kids are OK. 30-45 preferred. Lesbians only. Call ★★1359.

Hey '67
Are you living in the Duboce Triangle now? Are you ever going to talk to me again? I'm living in the City and my number's listed. —The Math Teacher.

Let's See If The Shoe Fits
How about trying a first date on for size? Seeking non-butch woman over 40, affectionate, compassionate, loves life, being alive and ready for uncomplicated relationship. Do you have the time to share some interests such as movies, music, ballet, museums, comedy (love to laugh), dancing and strolling along the beach? Please, no smokers or drug addictions, only healthy addictions fit the shoe to my heart. Reply BT Box OC11A or call ★★1360.

Cool Shmool
I don't know why I'm running an ad: I hate lesbians. That lezzie-clone thing: the Izods-n-rolling rock set. Eeeew. I'm new in town but I definitely know what I don't like. I do like grrrls with an edge. I'm into 'zines, Coil, Carol Queen, Greenaway, Bratmobile and other stuff most people wish didn't exist. I'm looking for pals, dates, maybe even a lay, who knows? Faster Pussycat! Call! Call! Call ★★1361.

Brainy, Brawny Beauty
With time on her soft, strong hands, seeks other "Indiana Joanses" with time & wherewithal for intellectual, spiritual and physical high adventure. I'm a tall, muscular, sexy, dominant femme looking for a strong, pretty butch, or tough, handsome femme (?!) to teach me, learn from me and share friendship & possibly love on a grand scale. Please be smart, athletic, gorgeous inside & out & ready to meet your contemporary. Call ★★1362.

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Feral butch needed. Neck-biting, hard-driving, cat-identified sex. If you can make me scream like the alleycat I used to be I'll upend and bind you for specialty tongue-lashing. Public cafe fucking will be followed by Turkish coffee/cigarettes/bath. Hot tub tattoo caresses. You must have a working answering machine and country getaway close to wine-tasting. Don't make me wait.

Shy But Not Retiring
Amateur organizer and theorizer who works hard looking for women, 30-40, with butch tendencies to help me play hard. You would love to inspire me with a brilliant insight, lead me around the dance floor, take me for a hike, make me dinner, park me on your lap for a good video, tell me stories while I bake bread, cultivate an innocent, enduring friendship, organize me around a new issue or tie me to something. You love thrills but not drinking or drugs. You live by honesty and laughter, like a good challenge, fight fair, would savor the company of a bookish, lefty aspiring femme, and think a good kiss is transcendental. This time I'm even in town. Call ★★1363.

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Disguise: stably employed, same SF address for 6 yrs, debt-free, intelligent, articulate, decisive, charitable, informed. Underneath: outrageous wit/humor, knee-weakening kisser, creative brainstormer, singer/performer, urban motorcyclist, great cook (does breakfast in bed sound good?), light drinker/toker. I'm 37 (most disbelievers guess 30-32), energetic (very), attractive GWF (pretty with makeup, handsome without), athletic (golf, tennis, swimming, softball, etc.), 5'8", stocky (teddy bear with muscles), losing weight, feeling great! I like my sports, photography, travel, concerts, galleries & exhibits, street fairs, lots of different music, being outdoors, the beach at night, massage and sensual ecstasy with someone special... maybe a GWF, 28-40, med. to stocky, sporty, nonsmoker, outgoing, energetic, adventurous and creative, sensual, independent with your own dreams and goals, but, like me, you'd like to find someone special to make your wishes come true with. Let's share some laughs together while we peel off our disguises. Call ★★1364.

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Considering parenthood? We are interested in forming a support group for people of color considering starting a family via donor insemination, adoption, etc. Let's get together and talk about it! Call ★★1426.

Interested in photography? How about amateur radio? Well, I'm a 26 y.o. lesbian seeking other women who enjoy the same. However, if you know nothing about or are not very experienced in either of the above hobbies, but find they sound interesting to you, please give me a call. If nothing else, maybe we can find something else in common. Call ★★1427.

Greek Lesbians Arise...
Are you a lesbian with Greek ancestry? Then let's talk. Casual meeting over tea and koulourakia. Let's meet other Greeks and discuss being Greek and gay. Lesbos still lives. Call ★★1428.

Lesbians Over 40
Weekly support group for lesbians over 40. We are an ongoing group which meets Monday evenings to discuss our lives, relationships, careers, changing bodies, etc. We are looking for new members to share in this lively exploration. Call ★★1429.

Wild About Nadja?
Do you like Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg? Are you going to her Nov. 1 concert at Davies Hall/SF? Group of single lesbians to celebrate/reverberate afterwards at nearby cafe. Interested? Call ★★1430.

Breaking Up Sucks!
I'm a 25 y.o. lesbian-identified individual looking for other women who are going through or who have been through this horrible experience. Let's rebuild our self-esteem together & keep each other busy. Survivors only! Reply BT Box OC600A or call ★★1431.

We're Here—Where Are You?
Lesbian couple in Fairfax with 5-year-old daughter wish to meet other lesbian couples or single moms for conversation, hanging out, etc. We're nonsmokers, moderate drinkers/tokers, non-Christian but spiritual; interested in extending our family. Call ★★1432.

Lesbians With Mechanical Addictions
Did you know there's a name for pulling one's own hair out? Do you find yourself biting, picking at, or otherwise subconsciously hurting your body? Let's all gather together to begin talking about it. Call ★★1433.

High Tops, Low Country And Us
We are a lesbian couple looking for another couple to join us on a three month or longer walk on the GR5, a trail running from Holland to the Mediterranean Sea. We are hoping to begin in May 1993. Reply BT Box OC601A.

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Pat And Pat
Bisexual man seeks relationship with bisexual woman and/or bisexual couples. Me: 6'+ tall, 190 lbs., firm body; athletic endeavors—tennis, cycling, swimming; for fun—beach, camping/hiking; prefer discreet behavior. Do not frequent bars; light drinking; absolutely no smoke, cigarettes! Enjoy live music. Please write or call. Reply BT Box OC300A or call ★★1388.

Bottom Line
Ever sit in class squirming in your chair, wishing your tall, dark, sexy professor could spank you for that late paper or blown midterm? If you're an intellectual, slender, bi woman, it's not too late! Over the knee spankings a specialty. Slim, boyish males may also apply for private appointments. I am understanding, flexible, patient and experienced. Tell me about yourself. Occupant, PO Box 2611, Berkeley 94702.

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Seeking passionate kissing, stable slim, hairy, single WM, 37-45, for romantic cocktail dinner, movie, outing. Please leave your name, ph. #, best time to call. I am looking forward to hearing from you very soon. Reply BT Box OC301A or call ★★1391.

Unconventional Request
Two intelligent, good-looking women (lovers) seek man (bisexual?) for unconventional relationship. Ultimate goal: baby, family and you involved. Likes: humor, intelligence, dark features (optional), good looks, kids (we have one already), 30-40 years old with boyish appearance. Dislikes: Bush, men who don't ask questions, smokers. Sincere letter and recent photo requested. Reply BT Box OC302A.

Trapped In One's Mind
Your emotions say you want it, but your mind doesn't think it's possible—hence you won't even try, or you make a weak attempt and give up. You are a bisexual woman and your soul wants to love both women and men, yet your rational mind has always forced you to choose one. You are a free thinker when it comes to your career, social issues, politics, etc., yet you shortchange yourself of life's potential by not exploring alternative relationships that might open up new horizons for you. Explore these issues with a loving, dynamic, multifaceted female/male couple around 30. No commitment and no sales-(wo)man will call, but don't put it off anymore! Remember, what you try may fail—but what you don't try fails automatically... Call ★★1392.

I Don't Really See...
... Why can't we go on as three?! Are you a woman who resents having to alternately give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 33, and WM, 27. Let's look into developing a friendship, with an eye to the possibility of an equal partnership in fully integrated, committed, triadic relationship. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, tropical islands. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★1393.

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He Understands Me
I'm a cute M/Bi/Blk female, 5', 120#. I like bike riding, bowling, beaches and more. I'm looking for a cute, femme, bi or lesbian woman to share good times and fantasies. Race unimportant, but weight-proportioned women only please. So if you're daring enough for a good time, drop me a jingle or write. We'll meet for dinner and get to know each other. Reply BT Box OC303A or call ★★1395.

Punk Dykes With Dicks
Seek punk pretty boy willing to be tortured, topped and taken (you know where) by two tough-ass bitches. Don't bother responding if you're not young, submissive and into pain. Call ★★1396.

TRANS

Queer Of Queers
Seeking a femmey looking butch woman intrigued with the idea of her femme being a boy. I'm 26, living as a (transgendered) girl, thin, cute, sexy, can pass without trying, bottom, full of femme hunger, intense intellectual and safe. Just thinking about your "tools" makes my panties bulge. I long to be in your arms, on my knees, or melting in ecstasy beneath your strong body.

Halloween TV
Mature, dominant GWM, seeks small, cute, macho guy who enjoys getting into short skirts & lacey panties for Halloween. Enjoy safe play, incl. spanking, bondage, massage & striptease. Ponytail, beautiful buns, great legs & smooth, tan skin appreciated. I am 6', slim, 165 lbs., fair complexion & dark blue eyes. I have a great collection of outfits, from cheerleader to sexy lingerie. Please call ★★1409.

Crossdresser Wants Super Man
I'm a sexy, young, Democrat, Black, feminine-bottom, role-playing, crossdresser. I'm HIV+. I smoke cigs and drink booze. I like good times and witty conversation. I'm hunting a charming superman to sweep me off my feet. He should be butch, over 7 ft. tall, all muscle, Caucasian, a Democrat, successful, drop dead gorgeous and Prince Charming. No father figures or white trash. Your call gets mine. Call ★★1410.

Seeking Ms. Demeanor
Deliciously deviant, depraved female desired by gorgeous and tall, youthful transvestite, with dark hair and eyes. 1800 Market St., #69, SF 94102 or call ★★1411.

Attractive Blond Transsexual
Seeking passionate kissing, stable, slim, hairy, single WM, 37-45, for romantic cocktail dinner, movie, outing. Please leave your name, ph. #, best time to call. I am looking forward to hearing from you very soon. Reply BT Box OC400A or call ★★1412.

Show Me The Way!
I'm a very good-looking, tall, trim male, 31, blond/blue, engaged to be married... But I'm not sure. I'm looking for an 18-25, tall, thin transvestite or pre-op transsexual, Asian, white or Hispanic, with long legs, nice butt and very feminine way, who doesn't mind introducing me to this way. I'm very open-minded and would like this to turn into something long-term. Call ★★1413.

Private Femme
My unrealized fantasy: having a warm and intelligent companion who enjoys dressing and being feminine in private, whether just conversing over dinner or more. I'm an attractive, masculine, BiAM top, 5'10", 35, 170#, professional, seeking a younger, slender, smooth bottom (preferably shorter). I'm HIV-, single, non-promiscuous, open-minded, respectful and discreet, desiring similar; I enjoy reading, thoughtful conversation, music and massage. Write 2124 Kittredge St., #131, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★1414.

MEN

Attractive Asian
Seeks a clean-cut, down-to-earth, HIV- GWM for friendship and safe sexual encounters. No strings attached. I'm healthy, athletic, nonsmoker, 34, HIV-, caring and horny. I'm also sincere and discreet. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 283057, SF 94128-3037 or call ★★1446.

Daytime Escapade
Handsome Asian, 32. Athletic, clean, HIV-, would like to meet a healthy, HIV-, nonsmoker, GWM for hot daytime safe sex affair. Married or bi a plus. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 347325, SF 94134 or call ★★1447.

Country Rad
Not looking for innocent farmboy or beachboy from down South. Am looking for somebody with a mind as crazy as me, into country talk, mountains, leather, old denim, toys from the hardware store, rubber gear made from old inner tubes, radical safe sleaze (radical country politics, too, if you're into that). 5'7", 140, 55, 70 miles north of SF. Reply BT Box OC70A or call ★★1448.

Asian Opportunity
If you are looking for a handsome, trim, clean-cut, professional, financial district GWM, who is looking for a sharing relationship, this could be what you have been searching for. Interests include biking, hiking, films, great food, travel and other broadening experiences. Call ★★1449.

Waiting For The Sun
Tall, athletic, prof. GWM, 33, HIV-, not into bar scene, seeks slender relationship-oriented counterpart, 28-40, to share quiet nights at home, fine dining, uninhibited exploration. Latin types a plus. Reply BT Box OC71A or call ★★1450.

Tit Pig
Man with great pecs wants to play with other tit sluts who are into mutual stimulation. Reply BT Box OC72A or call ★★1451.

Top To Bottom
Handsome, masc., GWM, 32, 5'10", 160 lbs., w/rugged good looks/tattoos, dk brn hair, deep green eyes. Solid, well-maintained med. build. Secure, independent, stable and gainfully employed. Safe in bed, sometimes aggressive and mainly on the top. Very oral. Hot kisses a must. Looking to meet a GWM, 25-45, who is attractive, masculine and has a good outlook on life. If this sounds good, let's connect. Photos please. Will return. Reply BT Box OC73A or call ★★1452.

Literate Boy Scout
I am the Eagle Scout boys dream about—friendly, cheerful, cleanshaven and handsome. 6', 165, 40. Would like to meet cultured, neat, well-mannered young man. Must be in shape, 25-35, 5'8" to 6'2", attractive, bright and HIV+. Letter or photo gets like reply. Reply BT Box OC74A or call ★★1453.

GWM Relatively New to SF...
Originally from Dallas, who's affectionate, sensual, bright, somewhat intense, sensible, playful, energetic, agnostic, precocious, 20, 5'11", 145, dark blond/blue, smooth, HIV-, not tanned, attractive and a vehement nonsmoker, and enjoys eating, kissing, travel and music (Eartha to Erasure, Pointer Sisters to Pet Shop Boys) is seeking a smart, reasonably articulate and attractive, affectionate, non- or light-drinking GWM or GLM, 18-32, whose maturity at least equals age. Boxholder, 740-A 14th St., Box 217, SF 94114 or call ★★1454.

Sincere And Caring
Slim GM, 28, 5'8", 145 lbs., black hair and brown eyes, handsome, college educated, seeks GM, 25-35 years, attractive, bright, healthy mind/spirit, 5'8" or above, in good shape. Trust, mutual respect, similar values/interests are important. I value: intellectual/emotional/spiritual growth and maturity; love; friendship; community. My interests: theater, music, entertaining friends. Call ★★1455.

White Seeks Black
Good-looking, built, white man wants to make love with a big Black man who likes to be on top. I'm 6 ft., 200 lbs., muscular, hairy chest, smooth butt. If you're the right man, I'll be real good to you. Call ★★1456.

GAM Seeks GWM
Good-looking Japanese male, young 41, 5'10", 135 lbs., Cancer, HIV-, art, movies and travel interests, caring and romantic, looking for a similar GWM, 35-50, for a possible boyfriend. Please tell me about yourself in detail. Call ★★1457.

Calling All Tops
Looking to share good-looking, submissive bottoms with hot tops. Activities include verbal domination, bondage, body worship, watersports. Tops must be good-looking, well-built and under 35 to qualify. Interested? Call ★★1458.

Tall GWM Sought By
Trim, 28 y.o., GBM, who is very good-looking, but no fabricated pretty boy. Charismatic, funny, but not obnoxious. Warm, sensitive but strong, supportive, mature, educated yet earthy, unpretentious. Active, socially adept with private, shy streak. Fit runner but no mindless jock. Confident, but I have normal doubts and uncertainties. Are you similarly balanced, between the ages of 30-40, who understands a good relationship takes effort, understanding and commitment seriously. Call ★★1459.

Asian Gerontophile?
I'm a GWM, 60s, educated, retired professional, with serious interests, quiet lifestyle. Not into gay scene. Earnestly seeking GAM living in SF for ongoing friendship, shared activities including—but not confined to—sex. I'm sincere, caring, affectionate. You are too. You don't have to be handsome, gym-toned, extremely young. Do be genuine, stable, well-adjusted. Smoke, light alcohol, OK. No drugs, please. May we talk soon? Call ★★1460.

Sharks Fan Wanted
Professional, financially stable, GWM, 49, HIV-, looking for straight-acting, financially secure GWM to go to hockey games. I have the tickets. You are under 25-45, a bottom, non-drug user, spiritual, into beach, scuba, travel, theater, quiet nights together, homebody who likes cuddling, mild bondage and to laugh. Call ★★1461.

Grizzly Adams Family
Masculine but affectionate Grizzly Adams, bearded type daddy, HIV-, baby beer belly, straight-acting, sports fan, seeks younger cubs to cuddle, domesticate, teach safe sex in the woods. Live in South Bay but will travel for the right cubbie. Photo and phone to PO Box 722, Campbell, CA 95009, for immediate response or call ★★1462.

Old Age Turns Me On
Are you uncut, over 60 y.o., HIV-, warm, average looks okay, any race or size, looking for a friend + ? Salt & pepper hair, white hair, even bald head, moderately overweight is okay. Me: Black man, early 40s, great-looking body, hung, smooth & muscular, sensuous, sensual, HIV- & looking to develop friendship with you if you possess those qualities above. Please be serious. 227 Ellis St., #428, SF 94102 or call ★★1463.

Monogamous And Muscular
Sincere, romantic guy into working out, cooking, film, TV, art, theater, dancing, night life, gay events, Democrats, fashion, 501s, bodyworship, tit-play & J/O. I'm a smooth, muscular Asian, 5'7", 150#, 40c, 30w, moustache, HIV-. No smokers, drugs. If you're relationship-oriented, gym-toned, similar interests, around 39, w/avg facial looks, call ★★1464.

Feathers
White, hairy, attractive and articulate man interested in getting together with men who enjoy licking, sucking, tickling bare feet and other sensitive spots. Long sessions in front of a fireplace, massage, cuddling and sensuously exploring each other's "hot spots" make a perfect evening. J/O with feet in face, watching toes wiggle and jerk drives me nuts! C'mon, write. I'm warm, sensual, sane, safe and single. Reply BT Box OC75A.

Walk A Different Path
Shy GWM seeks quality friendship with non-white GM. I find adventure in foreign travel instead of bars; pursue life, not just lust; value the inner being over appearance; and cherish companionship—not meaningless one-nighters. At 42, I'm stable and sincere, blond/blue, 5'6", 160#, HIV+, healthy and active. I hope a masculine guy with similar characteristics desires a more meaningful life in a bi-racial relationship. Call ★★1465.

Slim Goodbody Seeks Older Beefcake
Smooth, smart, solid, 27, 5'10", 155#, blond/hazel, prodigiously endowed, happy disposition, carefree joie de vivre, seeks handsome, husky (not fat), masculine, older babe (30-45), with big attributes: big arms, big heart, big weenie (I can be flexible with latter prerequisite—but not too much). If you desire a young man with experience far exceeding his years, then taste this scrumptious twinkie. Call ★★1466.

Hidden Treasure
Very attractive, 26 y.o., 6'1", 165, honest, sincere, Liberian male, seeks stable, successful individual of quality, for enduring relationship, either intimate or just friendship. I enjoy films, reading, travel, romantic interludes, talking and learning about other cultures and languages. Shared interests are less important than chemistry. Come discover this hidden treasure. Would appreciate sincere responses only. Send photo. Reply BT Box OC76A or call ★★1467.

Masculine Man Sought
This interesting and very good-looking WM, 38, seeks a handsome, masculine man. 33-43, for relationship and great sex. Prefer confident, professional, open-minded, somewhat offbeat, dark and/or hairy. I'm 5'10", cleanshaven, medium-length hair, firm body. Interested in having my submissive side explored by the right man (possibly into role-playing and discipline). Call ★★1468.

The Doctor's In
Playful and attractive, 23-year-old, GWM, medical student (5'11", 155 lbs.), with a great sense of humor and pronounced zany streak, looking for 20-35-year-old, attractive, intelligent, fit and fun-loving man with similar qualities, for great conversations, serious frolicking, and possibly romance. Must, like myself, also be HIV-, outgoing, extremely adventurous, have definite direction in life, strong yet sensitive. No angst-ridden intellectuals, smokers, drugs, effeminate men or guys unable to let loose and get wild from time to time. Photo/letter to PO Box 9351, Stanford 94309 or call ★★1469.

Chavos!
Honest, sometimes cynical BM, early 20s, 5'6", and clean-cut, seeking young, yet mature friends. I enjoy movies, house/R&B music, city life, parks, interesting conversation, quiet times, exploring and achieving goals. I'm particularly interested in meeting Latinos, 18-35, however, compatibility is more important. Pluses: similar age/height, interest or involvement in music industry. No drugs, atheists, sex-oriented or possessive relationships, effeminate men, persons who can't be discreet. Please write (photo optional). Reply BT Box OC77A or call ★★1470.

Flawed Warrior Seeking Romance
Handsome WM, big heart, twisted mind, young 40s, 5'8", 135, lean and hot, versatile/top, strong discipline (meditation, martial arts), equally self-indulgent (coffee, wine), generally happy, want a good-humored boyfriend. You're probably 30-40, cute, fit (not buffed), cleanshaven, affectionate, bright, asymptomatic HIV+ (me too), have a life, want a cohort, leery of answering an ad and meeting a toad (me too). Reply BT Box OC78A or call ★★1471.

Married HIV+
30s, happily married, HIV+, healthy, handsome, tall, athletic, soft-spoken, caring type seeks handsome, sexual man who may have similar traits, who doesn't fear wives and kids, likes sports, traveling, discretion, who knows himself and likes what he sees. Photo and letter get response: "Occupant," PO Box 471121, SF 94147.

Up For Adventure
Attractive, 49-yr-old librarian/writer, nature addict and political activist, ready for equally adventurous comrade to share exploration of spirit and flesh. I'm 5'10", 155 lbs., HIV-, have brown eyes and undisciplined silver hair. If you're also physically fit, turned off by the bar scene and are looking for an independent but potentially intimate and committed relationship, drop a line to Boxholder, PO Box 2853, Oakland 94609 or call ★★1472.

We Deserve The Best
I am a highly educated, successful, GWM professional who is handsome, HIV-, very youthful 45, 5'10" and muscular. My interests include symphony and opera, benching 200 lbs. during my intense workouts, skiing in Aspen, savoring the beauty of a Pacific sunset, playing Mozart sonatas on my Steinway and preparing delicious meals for my friends! I offer enthusiasm, a great sense of humor as well as the desire to develop a long-term relationship with a 25 y.o.-plus, very muscular man who shares similar values and aspirations. Take a chance! Reply BT Box OC79A or call ★★1473.

Handsome Adventurer Seeks Affectionate Mate
Are you planning your next escape from the City for an action-packed ski weekend with blue skies and powder snow or a wine country bicycling trip with good friends, food & fun? Maybe you're saving for a romantic trip to Paris or Venice to explore the backstreets and backwaters? Hot, athletic, 6'1", 185, brn/brn, young-at-heart, thirty-something, versatile, HIV-, seeks similar, 26-35±, honest, stable, emotionally available, college educated man, with a life to match for relationship full of travel, good friends, happiness and a home full of romance and fun! Call with full personal description, interests and future adventure plans. Call ★★1474.

HIV+ Seeking Same
Sensual, sexual, dirty-talking, clean GWM, who is a bottom, is looking for X-rated playmates. I'm 39, 6'2", 175, healthy, hardbodied, hairy and hung big. Usually in the Bay Area on weekends. You are a top, between 30 and 50, any ethnicity, who enjoys a great blowjob, titwork and a tight ass. Let's do it, man, my pre-cum's oozing! Reply BT Box OC80A or call ★★1475.

Berkeley Or SF Younger Bro Wanted
By caring WM, young for 42, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, HIV-, blue eyes, cleanshaven. Prefer slim or skinny, nonsmoker, somewhat boyish-looking guy, 18-35, any race. (Asian welcome, others too.) I work in counseling, like movies, meditation, massage, swimming, hugging, occasional mild spanking (optional). Seek friend, brother, possible lover. Plus if you exercise some, don't like bars, not much body hair, are somewhat spiritual. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

5'8" Or Under
You are probably 5'8" or under, covered with blond hair, stocky, big hearted, have a gentle touch, a great sense of humor, love life, the arts, yourself, your fellow man and animal, have been through your share of changes, are 30s-40s, versatile, HIV-, and looking for someone kind, loving and creative with whom to form an intimate friendship. At the moment this doesn't necessarily entail signing on any dotted lines. I'm 5'9", 165, brn/brn, boyish/masculine good looks, hairy, HIV-, 40, professional, discreet, enjoy the country, the city, spirituality, money, travel, adventure, consistency, cuddling. Photo (returned) and robust musings to: Boxholder, PO Box 20896, Oakland 94620.

The Good Life
Is simple: Love yourself, love others. Find balance and enjoy your "process." Life is paradoxical: The more you give, the more you receive. Joy that transcends is found within yourself and can be deepened when shared with a soulmate. I enjoy talking, psychology, shared experiences, music(-making), dining, animals, walks, solitude, writing, exploring. GWM, 44, HIV-, "INFP," classical musician/teacher, self-aware. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★1476.

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I am the one who will caress your body with loving hands and mouth. I am the one who will urge you to enter and fill me with your passion. Sometimes slow and tender, sometimes fast and hard. Looking for top man, financially secure, loving and who will care and show me life. Is it you? Brown hair and eyes, 145 lbs., 31. #18946, PO Box 557, Westville, IN 46391-0557.

Heavenly Hot Loverboy
Bio: WM, Scandinavian, tan, 5'11", 150, nice build, writer, very handsome. Been around the sun 30 times, would enjoy it again with this man: artist/writer/musician, spiritual, versatile, diverse, thoughtful, deep conversationalist, traveler, language, touch, smiler, humorous, loving, compassionate, honest, energetic, dancer, spontaneous, hiker, explorer, swimmer, vegetarian, 25-40ish, very handsome, healthy, wise, seeker, curious, sexy, passionate, healed. I am this too. Reply BT Box OC81A or call ★★1477.

A Catch On The Peninsula
Been fishing lately? Haven't caught what you want? Well, let me tell you about this catch. I am 5'8", blond, 140 lbs., good-looking, healthy & mature minded. I love to laugh & enjoy my work immensely. I love fine food, travel, my home, my friends, my daughter & a long-term relationship. (I've been in two ten-yr). I'm open to all kinds of

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new experiences. Sharing time & experiences with someone special adds so much more to one's joy in life. If what you've read sounds like you might want to go fishing for this fish, you have to be the right bait. If the bait is between the ages of 40-50, healthy & mature minded, good sense of humor, trim, well-endowed, affectionate, non-smoker, non-drug user, desiring to be in a monogamous relationship, appreciating the qualities of the catch & HIV-, then maybe you need to go fishing. Reply BT Box OC82A or call ★★1479.

Adonis (Almost)
Very attractive, 22 y.o. college student/part-time model, 6'2", 190 lbs., blond & blue, very broad and a good hard body, enjoys swimming, working out, horses and generally getting hot & sweaty! Wants to have fun in fall with attractive, hot guys under 35. Call ★★1480.

Family Values
Father-to-be (spring) looking for man who loves kids, life, food and music. Me: GWM, newly 40 (how did that happen?), blond/blue, tanned, 6'4", 220, doer rather than talker, visual, affectionate, idealist, Southern roots, easygoing. Fantasies (this week): rosy-cheeked, blond piano students, redheaded gardeners, dark, passionate lawyers. You: tall, 30-45, good kisser, love outdoors (esp. water places), doing something to make SF better, relaxed, romantic. Not you: every hair in place, 12-stepper, Republican. If some of this sounds like us, send photo. Reply BT Box OC83A.

Meditation
Daily meditation is a routine part of my life. I am looking for someone to spend time with who is clean of spirit. I am 58 years old, 6', 160 lbs., brown eyes, graying hair. I like anything to do with nature, love music, enjoy being physical. Good times happen. Call ★★1481.

Southern GWM
37 y.o., 162 lb., fit, 5'7". Enjoy bicycle riding, reading, chess, bowling, tennis, politics, cooking, intelligent conversation, good liquor & wine (not an alcoholic). Have 2 nice bicycles—can use one of mine. Would like to meet other gay males with similar interests & no addictions. San Francisco only please. Reply BT Box OC84A or call ★★1482.

Do You Want What I Want?
Mutually satisfying relationship filled with romance, adventure, fun, learning, growth, challenge, risks, support, trust, honesty, communication, forgiveness, unconditional love and sex. I am 31, mixed race, attractive, gym-toned, educated, employed, versatile bottom, healthy, active, with varied interests and goals. You are similar, except 25-35, not white, versatile top, who believes a quality relationship develops over time. Call ★★1483.

Man Of Color Seeking WASP
I am a GWM who desires a like man who is after that special man who is honest, self-supporting and with an open heart that's looking for that one man—I enjoy parades, quiet evenings, KBLX and GP & FA sex. Age 45, height 5'9", weight 160, trim beard, light brown hair, hazel eyes. Call ★★1484.

Share My Paradise
Windward side Oahu. Masculine GWM, 30s, 5'9", 175#, balding brown, baby blue, well-built, hairy chest, versatile, looking to share my paradise with men who understand masculine, sharing, serious, playful and Aloha. Call ★★1485.

Whistle-Blinking Pumpkin?
Earrings that is. Keep eyes peeled for either one on left ear. Happy birthday to my white sex buddy. He invented "versatile." Be master/slave, kink, WS, raunch, degrading dirty talk, teasing. His blue eyes, silver hair on 5'8", 158 frame, hairy, big balls, is great. He prefers us "Black brothers." Hairy dudes drive him wild, 3-ways or ? No age, race hang-ups, but 40s, SF area, his trip, but if other dudes are hot to trot, follow through, go for it. To smoke/toke, drink a toast to the wildest, hot, horny, sweaty sex I've had, sure you will too. Be honest, detailed. He can't be shocked, I know. But if you slip him a photo he might be. All will be answered. He is considerate, romantic, courteous. Remember, you have till 11/24 for contact. A time you won't forget, regret. Reply BT Box OC85A.

Handsome, Cute, Sexy Seeks Similar
25, 5'7", Asian/American backgrounds, well-defined, smooth body. Above average-looking. Enjoys working out, films, travel, dining, dancing and arts. Prefer GWM, under 35, who, like myself, is very attractive, mature, responsible, masculine, easygoing, physically & mentally fit (no drugs!). With the right person, I love to cuddle in bed, kiss and be close. I rarely put out an ad, so take a chance when you only get one chance. Call ★★1486.

Exceptionally Handsome
Among openly gay intellectuals, I'm unusually masculine (natural), muscular and defined, with dark Mediterranean looks, moustache and gorgeous dick. Appearing 30, 5'9", 155#, I'm exclusively top, preferring vanilla, three-ways and cuddling with unusually handsome (not boyish) oral, thirtyish, conservative-appearing men with toned, defined, medium to stocky (not bearish) builds. Interests: hiking, contemporary art, Pacifica radio, 78s, horticulture, equitation. Not spiritual, drinker or smoker. Box 460662, SF 94146 or call ★★1487.

Easygoing
Down-to-earth WM, 23, good-looking/cute, with great smile. Enduring post-college/pre-employment confusion and would like someone to share the joy (?!) with. Interests: vegetarian cooking, outdoors, travel/world issues, dancing, creative art/film, rummage sales, and slow afternoons over large lattes. For compatibility sake, you should be nice-looking (Asians very welcome!), 20s, no smoke/drugs, intelligent, humorous, and into environmentally sound living. Call ★★1488.

Maturity A Plus
There once was a man most celibate/ who longed for a relationship to celebrate./ Handsome a man was he/ who enjoyed being 53./ Healthy, witty and wise./ Surely he'd be somebody's prize./ This GWM seeks a friend to share/ movies, dining and the Renaissance Faire./ Someone to cuddle, to hold, to be near./ For now he's a happy journeyer./ Looking to connect to make life better./ Call or write if interested in chatting a bit./ To see if there might be a fit. Reply BT Box OC86A or call ★★1489.

Liberal European, 54
Seeks similar for loving and symbiotic union based on fun and honest communication. Age, guise & ability not important. Write: PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

Attractive Slim Italian Boy
Is what I am. What I am not is a muscleman. If you are attracted to young, cute, slim guys, keep reading. I am 22, 5'10", 125 lbs., HIV-, brn eyes, and have nice, dark hair. I would like to meet a stable friendship/relationship-oriented GWM or Latin between 20-30 who is attractive and has many interests like myself. Sincere only! Call ★★1490.

Dad Seeks Son
Sex not required. I want to meet a young man, 18 to 28, that would like to have dinner once a week, take a trip every month—Yosemite, Tahoe, Lake Shasta, Mendocino, Sequoia National Park, Death Valley in April for the spring flowers, etc. The only thing you need is a sincere and loving heart. No flakes or hustlers, please. Boxholder, PO Box 754, Menlo Park 94026 or call ★★1491.

Follow Your Impulse
Attr. GWM, 21, 5'10", 130#, bl/gr, very masc., high school looks, seeks generous daddy for good times & more. Call ★★1492.

HIV-, Tall, Prof., 45+?
Have very little experience recently. Late '70s, a few nice relationships, but after that the straight life. I'm 50 (look younger), 6'4", 210, fairly good build, red hair, HIV-, uncut, nice buns accommodating any man's needs. Need a man for friendship and love, dating, dancing (you lead), dining out, beaches (nude?). Love romantic times, candlelight dinners, massage, good cooking for my future lover. Box 20053, Oakland 94620.

Marry Me!
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THAT'LL DO HER
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YEA
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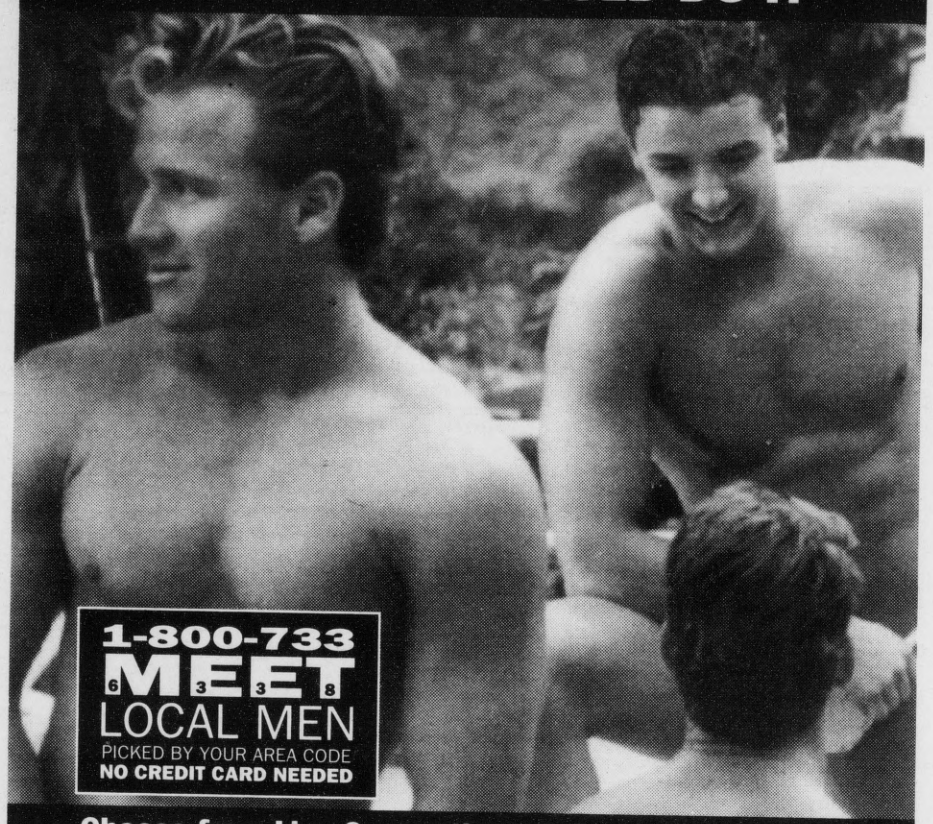

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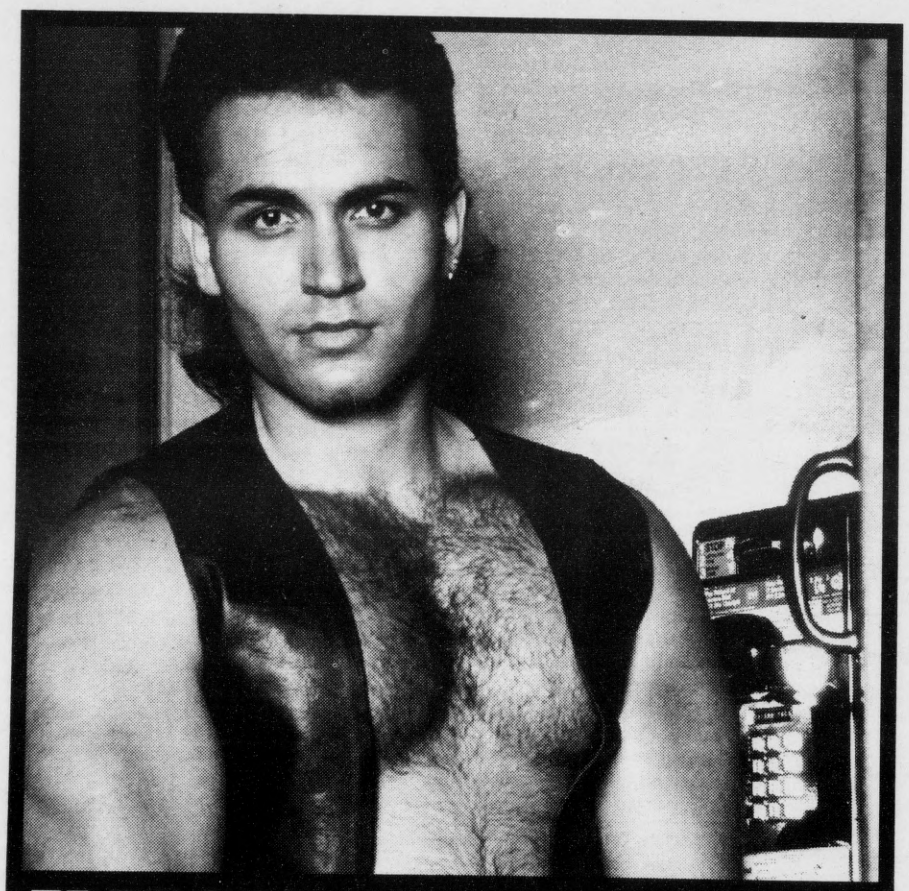

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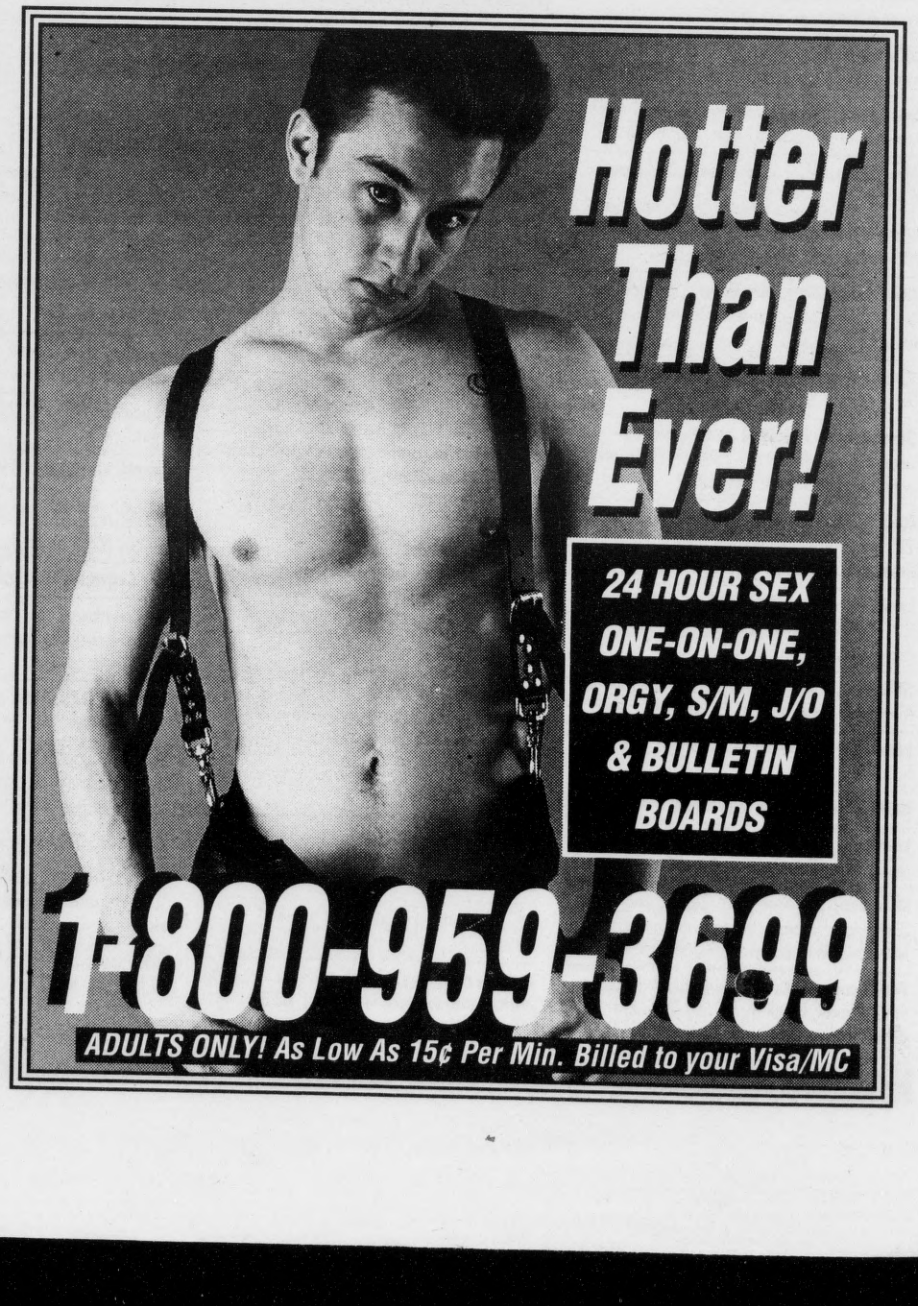

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SF-Peninsula-SJ

GWM, 39, 6′, 175#, br/br, HIV-, fairly attractive, intelligent, introspective. I like the usual (dining out, movies, TV, reading), and the unusual (Ayn Rand, Cleveland, the indoors). I'm looking for a romantic partner (best friend + sex), 30-45, any race. Someone with whom I can share the pleasures, challenges and passions of life. Reply BT Box OC88A or call ★★1506.

Sole Searching

As long as I can remember I have had a passion for men's feet. Touch, feel, massage, lick and tickle them. This GWM, early 30s, br/bl, 160, sks the feet of GWM, GLM, GAM to age 40 for sheer delight. Feet should be healthy, soft, ticklish, sweaty and clean. Great experience for first timers. I may start with your feet, but I sure don't stop there. Call ★★1507.

Wacky? Weird? Wonderful!

Queer white male, 28, 5′8″, 185 lbs., hairy body, sometimes bearded, green eyes, glasses, longish brown hair, several tattoos, seeks possible primary partner who's interested in art, sex, modern rock/alternative, shopping, shoes, performance, conversation, coffee, intimacy, kissing, touching, movies: Almodovar, Itami, Fellini, etc. I've no preconceptions about race, size or age as long as you feel good about yourself. Call ★★1508.

Sex Only

Tall, hot, HIV- GWM seeks sex buddies for late night sex or afternoon delight. I'm 6′5″, 185 lbs., brown flattop and 'stache, toned swimmer's body, good-looking, very oral. Sexually I'm versatile but lean more toward bottom. Prefer guys who are HIV-, hairy, in-shape, with facial hair, and good in bed. Let's get together and hit the sheets. Married guys OK. Safe sex only. Call ★★1509.

Slim Asian Wanted

Warm WM, youthful 42 years, 6′2″, 170 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, seeking warmhearted, slim to skinny Asian, 19-35, for boyfriend or possible lover. I'm nonsmoking, affectionate, good listener, healthy. Plus if you have some interest in exercise, are foreign born, somewhat shy and don't like bars. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Briefs

Healthy, 58, WM, likes his men in briefs. Enjoys running his hands down the length of your body, cupping your crotch, playing between your legs, pleasuring your backside. Into plants and exploring the world. Self-employed, multiple interests. I believe in daily sexual satisfaction. Somewhat vegetarian, nonsmoking, no drugs. Sharing each day/night, waking up with my arms around you would give me a hard-on. Call ★★1510.

What's The Use Of Pleasure...

PoMo, late 30s, QWM, grad student into arty intellectual bullshit, serious sports (yeah, I have a great body) and excessive, lustful, romantic sex, looking for HIV+ East Bay boys into mutual banging, dick, and kissing to Korngold. Prefer cute, cleanshaven QWM's, under 40, with tight, lithe bodies, who read too much (or paint too much, or compose too much or do something too much), wear round tortoise shell glasses and have a dick that gets hard and stays hard. I'm 6′1″, hazel eyes, buffed, clipped down and ready to put down my book and suck your face! Call ★★1511.

Under The Volcano

Diablo Valley area. Me: the Chieftains, Vivaldi, Emmy Lou Harris, KKSF; HG, Smithsonian, Oriana Fallaci; travel, movies, theater, home, history, art, nature, jogging, biking, cooking, eating out, galloping a scopey horse at a big Irish bank. Fit: intellectually/politically, emotionally, physically, financially. Supportive, tender, available, earnest, attractive, affectionate/sexy, GWM, 40, 5′11″, 175#, bb. My quest: to couple with someone interested in some or all of the above. You? Call ★★1512.

If

You are over 49 or plan to be, Asian man, shy, seeks Caucasian man, bald head, overweight, with a sense of spiritual and physical being. I'm 52, desire relationship with appreciation of who we are. Want to open small business for retirement. Any location, your ideal or mine. We would be happy about the path we will be traveling on. Happiness is in our minds. We just have to feel for it. Call ★★1513.

Nothing Serious

Recently divorced, wanting to explore what I've been missing with men (but cautiously). Blond, blue eyes, 5′10″, 160 lbs., great shape, very handsome, masculine, great sense of humor. Love to listen and talk, joke around, play hard and do things for others (cook a meal, etc.). Sexually inexperienced (but eager). Interested in beefy/muscular, masculine guys for friendship, hanging around—but nothing serious yet. Send photo/letter. Reply BT Box OC89A or call ★★1514.

Cross-Dresser Wants Super Man

I'm a sexy, young, Democrat, Black, feminine, bottom, role-playing cross-dresser. I'm HIV+. I smoke cigs and drink booze. I like good times and witty conversation. I'm hunting a charming super man to sweep me off my feet. He should be butch, over 7 ft. tall, all muscle, Caucasian, a Democrat, successful, drop dead gorgeous and Prince Charming. No father figures or white trash. Your call gets mine. Call ★★1515.

A Disney Romance

Italian young man, 26 yrs old, 5′8″, br/br, 140 lbs., healthy HIV+, bottom, like someone who could be sincere, serious & romantic, yet childish enough to still enjoy Disneyland. No drugs. Please send photo with letter; I will return photos. Send to PO Box 3541, Antioch 94531-3541.

The Real Deal

Very handsome GBM seeks a very handsome GWM for fun, friendship and possibly more. I'm 6′1″, 190 lbs., 37 y.o., in-shape with a moustache. Prefer intelligent, kind and sincere man with a moustache, 26-40, and full head of hair. Looking for a bottom or versatile. I need a special man to make my life more complete. Mutual interest in travel, music or science desired. HIV- please. Call ★★1516.

Husband Material

Handsome and sexy GWM, 53 (looks 43), 5′10″, 165, blue eyes, trimmed beard, seeks attractive, masculine man for dating and romancing. Interests include outdoors, hiking, organic vegetable gardening, and weekend outings. I'm HIV-, nonsmoker and would prefer same. You are perhaps 10-20 years younger, have a good sense of humor, and are easy to be around. Balding and hairy pluses. Outdoors oriented triple pluses. Call ★★1517.

Exceptionally Handsome Intellectual

Natural/masculine, affectionate, confident, tight, muscular, dark, Mediterranean, 28 y.o., 5′8½″, 150#, moustache, affectionate, beautifully equipped, skilled top. Interests: environmentalism, hiking/travel/exploration, contemporary art, antiques, architecture, trees, Pacifica radio, 78s, jazz vocals, bluegrass, Renaissance, Irish, Chopin... Artistically, horticulturally, domestically talented. Preferring vanilla (and threesomes) wtih exceptionally handsome, Mediterranean featured, thirtyish, conservative-appearing, enthusiastic men with defined, medium builds (willingness to work out). Will relocate. Box 460662 SF 94146 or call ★★1518.

Looking For A Gentleman

To romance this attractive, 29-year-old, shy but sensual man. I'm a man of courteous and well-bred standards. I want to meet a man (preferably hairy) who understands the good life and how to live it. We might attend the symphony or a play, dine out somewhere nice or have cocktails at Asta, see a movie or go bowling. We feel comfortable dressed up or dressed down. What I offer this man (29-45) is a loving, intelligent and honest human being. Also, I'm HIV-, a nonsmoker and no drugs. Please be the same. Call ★★1519.

Awesome 3-Way

Kick back, get your cock serviced by two hot guys? How about sharing hot ass with another stud? You: under 30, attractive, big/fat dick, HIV-, GWM. Us: two (Italian & Russian) lovers (under 40), dark, very handsome, masculine, hot & hairy, seek special third guy = fantasy sex sessions. No romance, just good, safe fun. Come be the "turkey" in-between our nasty sandwich. Call ★★1520.

Hey! Asian Guys!

My friends don't understand. They think I'm crazy, but I know what I like! This GW Southern boy is wild for Asian guys. I'm 28, 5′10″, 145, dark hair, hazel eyes, short beard. I'm professional, intelligent and funny as hell. I've got the jaded exterior of a cynic, but beneath beats the heart of a romantic. You're around my age, intelligent, sincere and looking for a great guy to date. I'll try to find you one, but in the meantime, we can go out. Call ★★1521.

To Life!

I am an ageless Black man who is comfortable with the rhythms of life in nature... I know the divine unity from which I sprang and simply wish to play with you in the palace of the gods while we are here; my tall form to mingle with your tall form in blissful unity to celebrate the distances we have traveled. We are both HIV- and over 35. Call ★★1522.

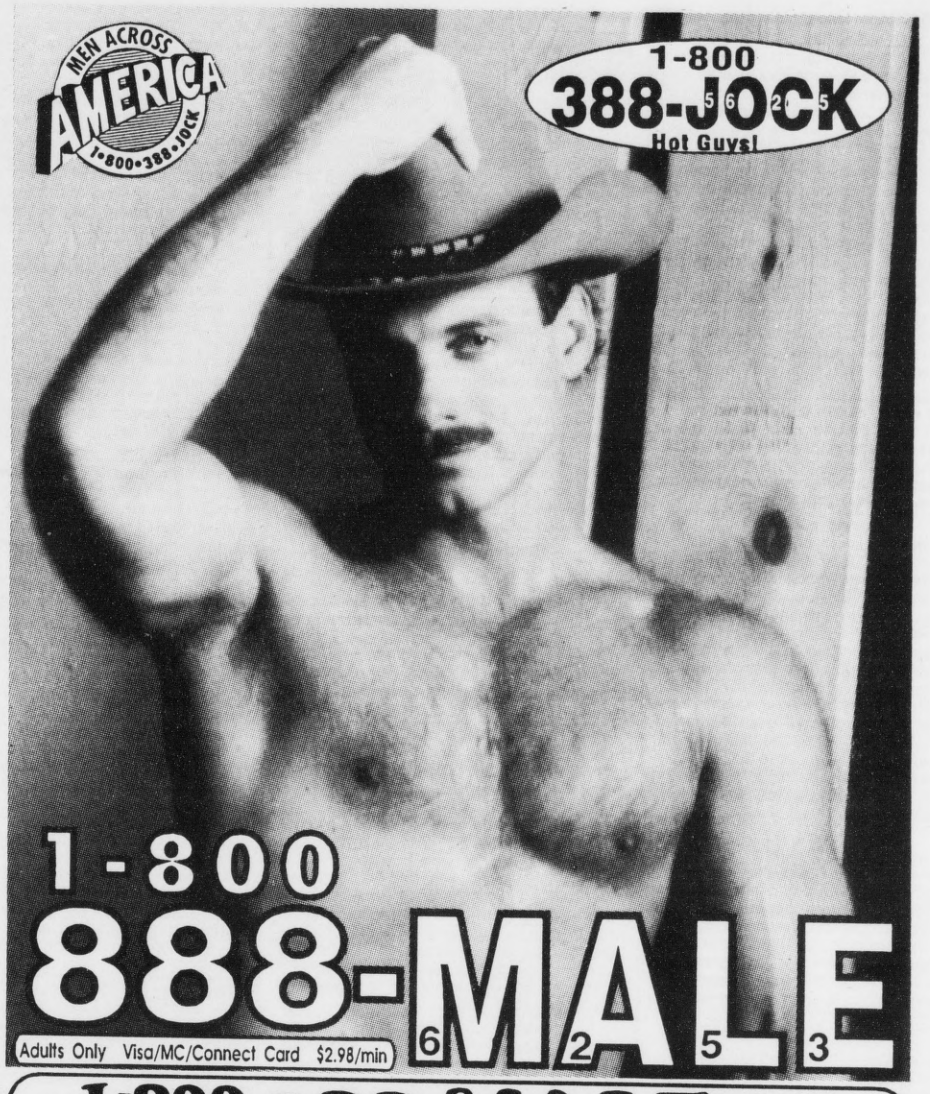
East Bay Romantic

Spunky, witty, complex, irreverent, iconoclastic, easygoing, GWM professional, 42, 5′10″, 160#, HIV-, attr., enjoys long walks, rainy days, diverse people & music, sweaty sex, fiction, kissing, massage, marathon cuddling, skiing, world travel, quiet evenings at home, good friends, photography, cooking, diverse approaches to spirituality, creative lovemaking, compatible men (25-35) of any race. Strike any chords? Photo/note to PO Box 483, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★1523.

Seeking Very Thin Asian

Handsome, professional GWM finds very thin Asians irresistible. You'll discover I'm caring, nurturing, generous, romantic, sometimes frivolous. I'm 50 (look 30s), Jewish, professional, 5′9″, 180, moustache. I don't smoke or drink, I'm HIV-, work out regularly. My interests include cooking, PBS, classical music, travel (I'm studying Thai). I'm open to a one-night stand, casual affair or life-long commitment. Call ★★1524.

HIV+, very healthy, "normal" immune system, 6′, 170, blue, brown/gray, beard, glasses, 41. Furry, pharyngeal, sphincteral, cuddler, kisser. Not seeking cohabitation or financial interdependence. Seek affectionate, content, happy nonsmokers; no recreational drugs besides caffeine; non-drinkers/occasional light drinkers. Enjoy cats, dogs, television, reading, historical buildings, 30s/40s movies (comedies, mysteries, tearjerkers), 60s music, simple meals, plays, concerts, weekend trips. Humorous; sensuous; frugal; resourceful, anachronistic. Oakland/Berkeley/San Francisco. Call ★★1525.



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Romance, Bondage And Tickle Torture
Cute GLM, 20, alternative/punk type, hopeless romantic, 5'9", 145, seeks romantic men into kissing, massaging, lt bondage, tickling. I'm smooth, slim. Smoothies great; hairy, definite +. You: sub./pass., vers., attractive, nice body, very ticklish. Have baby dungeon/playroom. Need someone to play with. Have feathers, toys, but prefer using my fingers. Want to tear open your shirt, hands/legs spreadeagled, then attack your hairy armpits and stomach until tickled to orgasmic ecstasy. Man enough? Prove it! Call ★★1526.

I'm Hairy, Husky & Humorous
GWM, 37, 5'9", 190 lbs., HIV-, balding with moustache, who enjoys bicycling, sci-fi & walks, seeks attractive, boyish-looking guy for fun & possible relationship, who's not into bars & who enjoys versatile sex. Call ★★1527.

Cuddle Alert!
Big Asian guy with strong build, 5'10", 180 lbs., puppy eyes, big baby cheeks, warm smile. Mature, introspective, aggressive 23-yr-old Cal student. Interests include dancing, music, movies, and I'm open to others. Seeking snuggly, butch, HIV- GWM under 40 for friendship, soul-mating and relationship. I'd like to share smiles, cuddles and love with the right man. I'd prefer a man who is my height or taller, bottom, gentle inside, strongly built, down-to-earth, furry, fuzzy-faced, and free of the N'Touch RQ mentality. We are both HIV-, drug-free, not into head games, monogamous, sensitive and willing to grow as individuals by learning from and loving each other. "I wanna hold you till I die..." What's your favorite love song? Call ★★1528.

Synchronicity?
Vigorous, early 50s GWM, seeks same or younger to explore meaningful coincidences together. This sensitive and romantic bottom (son of the South) loves horse racing, honesty, books, integrity. Am nonsmoker but weekend social drinker. 5'11" and about 225 pounds. Professional, polite, progressive, looking for a relationship, not casual sex. Prefer potential partners/lovers to live in SF. Looks not as important as inner resources. Jungian? HIV+ OK. Call ★★1529.

Pair-A-Dice
Have it all—relationship, love and romance—with no strings attached. Friendly, attractive, gym-going couple seeks bedtime buddies. Looking for youngish, trim, cleanshaven guy(s) who enjoy safe variety. One of us is 30, blond, 6', oral and owner of 750 CDs. The other is 5'10", 32, brown/brown, vivacious and versatile Greek. Indulge in more pleasure than one guy can provide. We do! Call ★★1530.

Special Limited Time Offer!
Package includes smooth, toned, attractive Asian, 24, 5'6", 125 lbs., guaranteed not to fade! Specially wrapped in plaid coats & ties for work, turtlenecks & jeans at cafes, or iridescent jumpsuits in parks. Contents include quirky sense of humor, intelligent conversation, and bouts of silliness. Cafe requirements: gentle to heavy tumble cycle with an affectionate, young, good-looking white guy seeking a quality relationship. Call ★★1531 for this special offer! Made in the USA.

Tough And Tender
Me: 5'8", 140, 26, bld/brn, cleanshaven, pierced, great bod, very cute, intense, streetsmart, healing, arrogant and affectionate, lonely kid. You: teen-20s, cute hipster, street activist, slacker, rave child or punk with piercing eyes, soft face, smooth chest, skin sensitive to touch and tongue. Job optional. Couple OK too. Us: casual dating, sleeping over, tender and passionate sex, or romance. Any/all possible if we fit. Call ★★1532.

Hey! Let's Get Married!
Crewcut, blond, happy Taurus, 6', 170 pounds, looking for laughs, friendship and fun with men of all colors. Your typical Castro clone—Not. Heart of gold, body of stainless steel, mind clear like a stream, spirit bright and cheerful as the sun. Desires intimacy, including sleepovers and safe sex, not brief encounters, yuk! Men my size with similar interests encouraged. PO Box 882872, SF 94188.

Loving Interest
GWM, 25, recently moved from Palm Springs area, seeks a man who wants to be loved and have a relationship with. Me: 25, 5'11", 150 lbs., good-looking and I enjoy all aspects of life. You: 18-35, cute, cleanshaven, HIV-. Take time and write me, we can do dinner or exchange photos or ? Reply BT Box OC90A.

Bottom To Top
Good-looking Asian American, 30s, 5'7", 140 lbs., masculine, discreet, athletic, smooth, HIV+ asymptomatic, very healthy and passionate bottom looking for GWM/Latin, 30-45, masculine, discreet, athletic, HIV+, healthy, hairy, hung, top only for safe fun, friendship and possibly more. Please leave name and number. Call ★★1533.

Marin-Sonoma-Napa
Tall, dark, very attractive, fit, HIV-, Sonoma Co., GWM, 40 yrs. old, would appreciate the opportunity to meet other North Bay GWM, 25-45, to date, explore relationship possibilities. Love to cook and dine and have a passion for wine. Travel to Europe, Hawaii, but prefer to have a companion for the next trip. Many and varied interests, enthusiastic and humorous. For further details, call ★★1534.

Sex, Sizzle And Pop
Dard island man, 30 yrs. old, 5'5", 118 lbs., bottom, looking for kinky, hot-minded tops, with wild or old-fashioned ideas about fucking, sucking or anything else sexual. Call ★★1535.

"Just A Regular Guy"
Handsome GAM, HIV-, safe, versatile, ⅓ Fil/Span/Jap & Hawaiian, 29 yrs. old, 5'8", 140 lbs., blk hair/brown eyes, masculine, sincere & educated, seeking down-to-earth type of guys for friends & ? Me: NS, light drinker, enjoy the arts, theater, ballet, camping, biking, music, dining out & dancing, love to go for long drives. Photo a must, will return. Reply to J.R., PO Box 6351, Concord 94520.

Bearded, Hairy-Chested, Soft-Spoken And Kind
Handsome, articulate, Nicolas II look-alike (39, 5'9", 175#, HIV+, beard, bubble butt), progressive scholar/writer/swimmer, seeks sexual and spiritual connection with beefy, bearded, available man, 28-45. You're affectionate, down-to-earth, sociable, educated, adventurous, alive to the world's possibilities. We enjoy city and country, movies, music, books, hiking, other mutual interests, lovemaking, occasional rough stuff. Write with photo: PO Box 14785, SF 94114 or call ★★1536.

Romantic But Realistic
45, WM, HIV+, 6', 185, smooth, moustache, looking for employed, healthy, HIV+, who is hairy, bearded and hungry for a passionate, no-holds-barred affair with a versatile madman who likes it all—safely—with moderate vices. Folsom-oriented, prefers men 45+—not into boys. Kinky scenes considered, but passion and humanity first. Let's connect for the fall. Older men get high priority. Crazy for gray beards. Call ★★1537.

Available Good Catch
Handsome, clean-cut, prof. GWM, lt brown hair, green eyes, 6', 155 lbs., late 40s (look 30s), wants to meet equally youthful but mature GWM to share an active and balanced life. I want a monogamous relationship with cultural, outdoor and home activities. I am financially secure, love my work and value my sense of humor, sensitivity and honesty. I love books, film, theater, ideas, travel, home, health and friends. Hopefully, you'll have a slim to average build, average endowment and be an HIV- nonsmoker like me. Pleasant, attractive looks are a plus. I like to share the responsibilities of lovemaking. Please reply BT Box OC91A or call ★★1538. Photo appreciated and returned with mine.

Wonderful, Charming...
... GWM, in search of lifelong love. Living in rural, scenic mountains of Northern California makes it a bit difficult to meet Mr. Right. (For God's sake, my best friend is a woman!) Professional, financially secure, 39-year-old, vegetarian skeptic. I'm a quiet radical, into cuddling & movies, long talks & good wine, music & cross-country skiing & so much more. I bring the energy of the city to the solitude of the country. My best friends are my family. I'm looking for my equal. No smokers, thank you. Reply BT Box OC92A.

I'm Not Asking For Much
A house, a dog, a fire, and a lover at my side. Maybe you can help? If you are seeking a long-term relationship, this bright and sincere, brown-eyed professional is just the marrying kind. He's an attractive, 34-year-old, 5'10", 180 lbs., with a muscular build, very affectionate and waiting to fall head over heels in love with a cute, dark-haired, dark-skinned (Latin?) young guy with a medium to slender build, who's ready to share his life with someone else. Call ★★1539.

Flex Your Muscles
WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guy of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★1540.

Romance
GWM, handsome, slender, gym-toned, 5'5", brn eyes, brn hair, HIV & healthy bottom. 40, look much younger. Self-employed. Eclectic interests: horseback riding, equestrian events, beach, dining out, movies, wine country, KBLX, concerts. Comfortable in jeans or a tux. You: masculine, 35-50, well-built top, good sense of humor with similar interests. You might be a daddy type. Sensitive cuddlers, good kissers a plus. Your letter & photo gets mine. LTR possible—Bay Area or Sonoma County. Reply BT Box OC94A.

In Search Of... Asian
GWM seeks slim, clean-shaven gay Asian under 45 for friendship, companionship, hopefully more. You should be loving, kind, caring, sincere, honest, healthy person as I am. I'm 6', 180#, 30s, bright hazel eyes, soft brown hair. Currently live in Virginia but don't let that stop you as I would happily relocate for the right person. Please send photo with detailed letter, phone #. Reply BT Box OC95A.

Cynical Romantic
Handsome GWM, 6'2", 190 lbs., 39, blnd, blue, bottom, good shape, healthy, HIV+, artist, Aquarian, left-wing politically, environmentally conscious, love to read, movies, theater, conversation, sitting in cafes. Looking for a friend and/or lover if that develops. I am equally attracted to tattoos & piercings as to someone in a 3-piece suit, if the mind is open and flexible. I prefer someone 28-45, GWM in good shape, nonsmoker, top, attractive, honest. Send photo if possible. Reply BT Box OC96A or call ★★1542.

Handsome Hot Top
Seeks lean/hunky bottom for afternoon/early evening delight. I'm a GWM, 5'9", 155 lbs., brown hair/eyes, cleanshaven, great smile, good bod (slightly chunky), beautiful cock (I've been told), HIV+. Not seeking romance, just a little safe fun. Send photo (xerox OK) and phone to Boxholder, 601 Van Ness Ave., Box E3-720, SF 94102.

Independent And Ready To Commit
GWM, lt 40s, fit mtn biker, hiker, community committed and involved; soc, pol, environ-aware and conversant; reader of the range of ideas, indep. with willingness to commit to the other half. You: GM, 45+, fit, any race, and intolerant of idle chit chat. We are discreet about our lifestyle and are actively committed to human and natural rights. Call ★★1543.

Artistic Football Player Type
Handsome GWM, 6', 33, HIV-, muscular (works out daily), large framed, 220#, successful artist, seeks companion. I enjoy kissing, laughing, cooking, classical literature & vocal music, old movies and exploring new cultural horizons. I also enjoy making love with my hot, masculine buddy for hours at a time. I seek another passionate, affectionate, good-natured, intelligent, muscular GWM. Send photo/letter. Reply BT Box OC97A or call ★★1544.

Elvin Warrior Looking For Prince To Save!
5'10", 27 y.o. I belong to a Renaissance guild. Swashbuckler by day and night! Ears slightly pointed if you look. I enjoy the outdoors. Active, creative, writer, artist, magical, mystical, with no games! I am a very real changeling looking for a prince... or... 23 to 33 y.o. Call ★★1545.

Sensuous Latino Artist Seeks
If you relate to my love of ethnic cultures, travel, smoke/toke, anything Mexican/Latin, lite drinks, nature, history, 3rd world (1st world really) myths, camping, Latin music, swimming, biking, long drives. I'm not mainstream, I'm masculine, creative, romantic, left-wing, passionate, fun, love to hug and kiss, suck, get fucked, and vice versa. Me: 34 (look 20s) cute/handsome, smooth almost hairless body, brown eyes, moustache, long cut jalapeno pepper, bubble butt, fierce tongue that blows, licks, kisses, tastes and expresses myself. Seeking that special man to enjoy life with; only want to date Latinos or Blacks or foreign born guys with enormous, thick, uncut dicks. I want companionship, reliable sex, intellectual stimulation (no big ego trips please!) and maybe unconditional love, discreet relationships with the rich and famous or inexperienced, OK. Write PO Box 31919, SF 94131 or call ★★1546.

Hi-Energy Breederesque Entrepreneur
With youthful, athletic, Midwestern looks (moustache, 36, 5'10", 165#, br/br, hairy chest, leaning toward muscular from gym/running). Ready to date and play with another masculine, younger, cute, fit, versatile buddy, with boyish good looks, who would enjoy skiing, wine, jazz. We're both outgoing, HIV- and avoid trendy fashion. Letter/photo to PO Box 1494, Sonoma 95476 or call ★★1547.

Asian/Latino Hunks
Who require very dedicated oral servicing will get my undivided attention! No strings—no complications, just really hot, great head from a very attractive, fit, trim and eager 47 y.o. WM. You should be willing to lay back nude and tell me how you want it. I'll comply and probably bring you off at least twice per session! You've really got to experience this! Call ★★1548.

80 Words...
Can't tell the whole story. GBM, 30, 5'10", fit 180 lbs., writer-musician, seeks groovy guy, 25-35, for quality dating. We both love rock music, high & low brow art, pop culture, travel and making each other laugh. We appreciate our differences as well as our similarities. Our jobs are what we do, not who we are. Now back to the dating part... Regular guy, good looks, physically in-shape, nonsmoker, sense o' humor? Let's get together! Call ★★1549.

Show Me Yours, I'll Show You Mine
Short, 5'5", good shape, hairy legs, ass, w/e, 39 y.o., voyeur, likes to watch, be watched, J/O together. Any age, but must have hairy legs. Reply PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★1550.

Ain't Misbehavin'
'Cept with you... Masculine homebody seeks self-assured man with an eye toward sharing home, hearth and my 8" hard-on. Of German descent, with smooth broad chest and fair coloring, I prefer dark skin, Mediterranean types. Robust 50, I look for quality of any age, prefer hairy bottoms and furry legs, but a twinkle in the eye and zest for life will do. Be HIV+. Call ★★1551.

After The Thin Man
Who's HIV-, tall, bright, hairy, mature, nonsmoker, light drinker, self-esteeming, romantic, down-to-earth, knows he damn well deserves a loving relationship and is willing to make time for one. Respond if you want an HIV-, fair-haired, gray-eyed, hairy GWM, an extremely youthful, vibrant 52 (look 44), honest, bright, manly, assertive writer/athlete, who likes movies, cooking, hiking, working out, afterglow and quality time at home. Call ★★1552.

Looking For Lifemate Partner?
I'd consider relocating for mature GWM, businessowner, in shape as I am. I'm an attractive Italian, very young 60, 5'8", 155, brown/bald/brown, nonsmoker, short beard/moustache, hairy chest, uncut, HIV-, clean, neat, considerate, honest, dependable, all around nice guy. Enjoy home, reading, movies, board games, plants, conversation, quiet times, music. Take a chance. I'm worth it. Photo appreciated. Boxholder, Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★1553.

Jockey Shorts And Rope
GWM, 28, 5'11", 160#, tall, dark, handsome, artsy, clever, literary, seeks mutual, playful, erotic bondage, affection, amusement and charm w/safe, sane, cleanshaven playmates to 35. Let's kiss, wrestle, laugh, squirm and flip for each other, OK? I'm smart, human, complicated; you be too. Extra points for having dark, Mediterranean eyes, being a happy person, liking *My Bloody Valentine* or Flannery O'Connor, or subscribing to *Sassy* magazine. Call ★★1554.

Emotionally Available
I ultimately seek a loving relationship w/a special guy. For many reasons, I feel I'm in the best space of life I've ever been in for this to happen... maybe you do too? I'm a GWM, 33, 6'1", 180#, easy on the eyes, healthy/health conscious and in good shape. I live in the East Bay, am professionally employed in SF; lead a fairly sane and "keep it simple" lifestyle, and have the sexiest blue eyes in the Western world. My physical attraction tends to be toward tall guys w/dark features. My emotional attraction is to guys who, like me, are easygoing, upbeat, and enjoy leading a balanced life. Call ★★1555.

Friendly Oral
Very talented, late 30s, 5'10", 160 lbs., trim beard, hairy, brown/green, available evenings and some days, seek sexual friendship or just hot times. Open to all types of (trim) men and also love getting head. Call ★★1556.

Workout Buddy Wanted
Must be HIV+ and live on Peninsula. This GWM, 35, handsome, 160, 5'10", br/bl, seeks a workout buddy for gym, biking, tennis, 3-5 mile walks. I've been working out for two months. If you've been at it a while or not and are willing to teach and push me to work harder—great. Movies, long drives, conversation, cooking and fun times also enjoyed. Call ★★1557.

Share Our Lives Together
Sincere and romantic GAM, 29, 6'1", 198#, nonsmoker/drinker, HIV-, love to travel (I'm tired of traveling with myself!), enjoy music, beaches, quiet evenings at home. Love to kiss and cuddle in bed. Looking for a special GWM, 30+, to share my life with. I've been looking for that special man to love and spoil for a long time and I know you are somewhere out there. Does this sound like you? Give your panda bear a call or reply to BT Box OC98A or call ★★1558. South Bay preferred.

Blue Eyed Blond Top Man
6'2", 218#, drug-free, HIV-, late 40s, living on Peninsula, seeks healthy guy to 45. Prefer the non-bar, non-bath type guy who has a hot ass and willing to surrender and give it to a caring, giving, loving man that finds like gay lifestyle fatal. Guarantee to be one of the nicest men you'll ever meet. Must want relationship. C.R., 751 Laurel Ave., #428, San Carlos 94070 or call ★★1559.

Seeking Expert Oral Bottom
For extended service sessions in Oakland. Many positions, orders, verbal abuse. Mutually enjoyable, safe, playful, no injury. I'm WM, 46, muscular, athletic, look my age, 5'8", 180, bald, bearded, average size dick enduringly hard. Healthy HIV+. Preferably, you're younger, smaller, athletic. You love my aggressive cock and jack off while I use your throat. No smokers, poppers, drugs. Write Box 30173, Oakland 94604 or call ★★1560.

Artist, Writer, Romantic
5'10", 27 y.o. I am highly creative in many areas. I enjoy living and sharing life. My favorite color is blue. I like a slow dance in the rain, soft kisses, a touch that is like the caress of falling rain. Books, plays, parks, etc. Just being close, watching TV. Looking for same, 20 to 33. Call ★★1561.

"Boy, I Wish I Could Meet Someone
Like You...." That's what they keep telling me, but, uh, excuse me! I am someone like me. Terminally unique, unconventional, spontaneous, extremely humorous, consistent, attractive, 26 y.o., athletic, 6'4", bl/gr, 190#, college grad, seeks connection with those who, like myself, feel confined to the "other" category of life. Walks, talks, breakfast, lunch and/or dinner, tennis, sensual lovemaking and intimate fun desirable to you? These, and much, much more can be yours... correspondence & photo gets same. PO Box 14322, SF 94114 or call ★★1562.

Do You Think:
Sense of humor = laughing after belching? Youth = immaturity? Attractiveness = shallowness? Dating = mating? Romance = lighted beer signs? Reading = nerdiness? Sex = orgasm? Emotions = weakness? Muscles = priority? Enjoying nature = peeing on a tree? Pain = joy? TV = Satan's tool? Music = CW? best friend = mirror? Smoking = coolness? Archie Bunker = role model? Don't call ★★1563.

34 y.o. Wiccan Male
Would like to meet other gay men of similar interests. Seeking friendship and relationship with the right man. Those interested in one-night stands and those who are Christians, please don't call. Call ★★1564.

Horny Couch Potato
I want to spend a lazy, laidback, slow, deep, steady, rhythmic time with you. On your stomach, knees, back, in the shower & in front of my fireplace. I'm HIV+, smoker, 42, 150 lbs, 5'10", hairy, beard, brn/brn. Let me know what you want & perhaps you'll wake up in my arms with me deep inside you. Call ★★1565.

Stable-Tender-Romantic
Mature GWM, 52, 155, 5'11", gray/blue, HIV-. I am caring, dynamic, energetic, sincere, vibrant. You: healthy, HIV-, affectionate, weight in proportion to height, bottom or versatile, willing to commit time, patience and energy to build a lifetime friendship/relationship. Your photo gets mine. PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★1566.

Show Me The Way!
I'm a very good-looking, tall, trim male, 31, blond/blue, engaged to be married... But I'm not sure. I'm looking for an 18-25, tall, thin transvestite or pre-op transsexual, Asian, white or Hispanic, with long legs, nice butt and very feminine way, who doesn't mind introducing me to this way. I'm very open-minded and would like this to turn into something long-term. Call ★★1567.

Asian Daddy's Boy Wanted
For relationship with stable professional. I'm in my 40s, 6' tall, 170 lbs., brown hair/eyes, nonsmoker/drinker, HIV- and not into gay scene. I'm caring, discreet, with traditional values. I need a cleanshaven Asian in his 20s for companionship, including safe sex. If you are shy or have special needs, please respond. I'll put you at ease. Reply to the Boxholder, 48 Shattuck Square, #162, Berkeley 94703 or call ★★1568.

Looking For One
Tired of weekends alone and casual sex that goes nowhere, yet both wanting and believing in something better? Me too! I'm mid-40s, 5'11", 160 lbs., brown/blue, HIV-, in-shape, attractive. Interests include: politics, weekend drives, exploring city neighborhoods, movies, massage, dinner together in or out. No drugs, light drink. Let's meet for coffee, etc. Reply BT Box OC99A or call ★★1569.

Am I Too Old Or Too Young?
Everywhere I look I see ages 20, 30, 40 or even over 60. What's going on? Is mid-50s in limbo? Scotch-Irish, 55 in November, 5'6", 138#, gray/brown, blue eyes, hairy, cleanshaven, enjoy movies, music—jazz, blues. HIV-, sexually versatile, tall, short, in shape or not, Black, Hispanic, Filipino, any age including 50—hey, I'm here. Call ★★1570.

Such A Package
GWM who's down-to-earth, emotionally mature, fulfilled by career, politically active, humorous, dynamic, honest, fit and fun. Widowed more than a year ago after a happy long-term relationship and starting to go out again. 5'10", 150#, avid bicyclist, presentable to handsome (depending on who you talk to), 42 (looks 41), HIV+ and healthy. Looking for a man with integrity, substance and a well-exercised sense of humor. If that sounds like you, give a call. Call ★★1571.

Good-Looking! All-American! GWM!
First class! 45 years young! Seeks same! You must be good-looking/handsome, into fun, friendship and maybe even romance; 18 to 45 years young! New in SF? Can show you everything, everywhere! Write: Box #1001, 633 Post St., SF 94109 or call ★★1572.

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One possibility might be: You are a large/heavy, hairy, muscular, rugged man, very deep, natural manliness in voice, actions, energy, a "take-charge" dude with a "kick-back" attitude, and unconventional... stumbling upon a spiritual, sensitive, open heart in a handsome, muscular, bearded man, 6', 190, 40 yrs old. You stumble upon a man trying to accept "what is," exploring deeper thought. Smoke OK. And there are many other possibilities not limited to this one. Reply BT Box OC100A or call ★★1573.

My Composition
Artistic behavior. City dining. Must be able to express through fashion. Good looks (Gap) and hair-dos/don'ts on Italians make me jive. Kiss. Laugh. Madonna never orders Out! Picasso. Queerish. Ralph Lauren. Sex... maybe, together: of course! Take unexperienced ventures on weekends, x? Hope you use Zest for this un-Beaver Cleaver. Appreciation for this young Italianate sculptor and fellow peasants a must. Get the picture, ABC? No schizos please, just artists or James Deans. Call ★★1574.

I Like To Watch
Guys having a good time with one another or just by himself. Sometimes, I like to join in. I'm attractive, Asian-American, 26, 5'10", 170#, and in very good shape. If you like having an audience, give me a call. Call ★★1575.

GWM, 47, 5'10", 120#, seeks friend, GAM/GWM, 30-50. Into jazz, classical music, film, video, travel. Witty, honest, HIV-. Opposite interests can attract also. Live on Peninsula. Call ★★1576.

No Time For Love
But oh yes I do want it, and how! Erratic work schedule/demanding hobbies keep my social schedule from coinciding with others. But I'm staying in the hunt! HIV-, 31, WM, 6', 150, sexy, good-looking, wants to spend time with another sexy, caring, fun, responsible man. Eating is a great favorite pastime but I would really like to learn basketball or hip-hop. Anybody like to teach? Let's go! Call ★★1577.

Sit, Ubu, Sit
Please, no more spineless men who need to be led around like love-sick puppies. Give me someone with a strong personality and a sharp (ouch!) wit to match my own. Me: man of color, 22, 5'4", student, extrovert, introspective, adorable on good hair days... Doublegoodplus: Cal women's basketball, Woolf, cute babies (redundant), rocky beaches, good spelling, spicy food, tennis, twilight, Ella, PCH in your car (hint, but not requirement). Weaknesses: chocolate, and guys with that deadly athletic legs/cool glasses/goofy grin combo. Please write. Reply BT Box OC101A or call ★★1578.

Just A Date Or Something
I have no problem meeting people. Unfortunately, they're either involved with someone already or act as if they are living on another planet! You: gainfully employed and financially secure, under

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40, GWM, attractive, workout regularly, two-stepper, comfortable in tux or in sweats, SF resident. Me: these plus these: 38 y.o. GWM, 150, 5'8", br/bl, cleanshaven, HIV- and, honestly, a nice guy. Call ★★1579.

Legs, Legs, Legs
Here is the chance for all you men with those sexy, hairy, tanned legs that I've been admiring this summer while I'm out hiking, biking, etc., to call and meet this handsome, masculine, non-smoking, 32-year-old GWM who is 6'2", 178, brown hair, blue eyes, short beard. PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★1580.

To: Not The Usual Guy 9789
Am outside calling zone so hope you'll see this. Think I fit your description in 9/10 issue. Am near your age, 5'10", 168, 34 waist, HIV-, bottom, confident, stable, educated, etc. Previously married with children. Vulnerable but wary. Similar sex drive. In Bay Area fairly often. Hope you'll write and maybe others. Will answer. Want to exchange pictures. PO Box 4107, San Luis Obispo 93403.

Hey There!
Help! I'm stuck in a rut! All I do is go to work and school. I'm starting to get tired of not having enough fun. I don't have a tremendous amount of time, but would like to share what time I do have with a sweet but silly guy. I'm 22, hgt/wgt proportioned. Been told many times that I'm handsome. If under 35 and are proportioned, call me! Call ★★1581.

Sonoma County Dad
I'm 49, medium build and height, and I'd love to meet a slender guy, 18-30, who loves to be pampered and have his cock sucked and ass rimmed. Reciprocate if you like. Kinky or tender, your fantasy or mine, all races, straight or bi-curious okay, especially shy guys. You won't be sorry. PO Box 1443, Forestville 95436. SSU and SRJC guys especially welcome. Call ★★1582.

Romeo Seeks Romeo
GWM, 33, artist. 6'1", 175 lbs., lt brn/blue, mignon. New to SF, seeks sweet guy to hang with. Likes: color, surprises, old jeans, enchanted Aprils, Joni & Morrissey, Bachelor Buttons, snapshots, good wine and good wit. Dislikes: sneakers, landlords and pierced faces. HIV- only. Call ★★1583.

Young European Seeks Friends
Cute European living in SF, 25, 5'10", slim & outgoing, wants to meet fun and nice-looking guys his age. I like literature, film, good music, languages and, most of all, hanging out and shooting the shit. Let's explore the city together, socialize and have romantic encounters. (Europeans are especially welcome.) Call ★★1584.

Sleazier, Older, Bitchier
No responses to last ad: must be other aging fags with bad attitude out there? 55, white beard, long bleached hair, sex maniac, big thang, artist, not your standard product. Most attracted to short, dark, chubby, uncut men, especially of Japanese, Korean heritage, around my age? Professional, straight-acting, gym-toned, 12-step, religious monogamists look elsewhere. Note, filthy pic to PO Box 5241, Berkeley 94705.

Honest Intimacy!
I'm a big guy, 44, 6'2", 260#, seeks the companionship of an honest, sincere, sharing, healthy, HIV-, lean man to 30. I love intimacy, hiking and mountain biking and working out together! I also like the Macintosh Computer. If you're interested in a new living situation and a new chance at love and are independent, then quite possibly I'm your guy! A.S., PO Box 835, Inverness 94937-0835.

Ready For Life, Ready To Commit
This classic "ISTP" is searching for a permanent partner, to build a long-term, committed relationship, and enjoy the world. To succeed we must work through the problems of life, learning from the experience, we must communicate and connect very well, we must be free of past relationships, and we must learn to trust each other. I'm 31 (look 26), 6'3", 185#, tanned, cleanshaven, brown hair & blue eyes, HIV-, above average overall. I'm attracted to those who look younger than me, are slim to average build, have a full head of hair, cleanshaven, no body hair on shoulders or back, WM, have had quality life experiences and have a life now. We enjoy dancing (Stud), symphony, walks on the beach, the mountains, the sun, and quality time with friends. Not acceptable is smoking, drugs, flakes or liars, exclusive "anything," unhealthy, or cats (I'm allergic). Call, let's talk. Call ★★1585.

The Time Is Right
Intelligent GWM, 39, 6', 180, HIV-, quietly curious, employed, brown eyes, short hair, complex guy, vers., looking to meet others, 30-45, with similar stats. Seeking chemistry, a spark, easy conversation, emotional availability. My goal is a supportive relationship and having a good time along the way. Interests include massage, gardening, good food, hikes. E. Bay a+. Boxholder, PO Box 28701, Oakland 94604 or call ★★1586.

Politically And Socially Incorrect
Nice, attractive, personable, in-shape, former Southerner seeks dark-haired, hairy, in-shape men. You: short, tall, in-between, balding or with hair. Me: 6'5", 180, lt brown, green, glasses, moustache. Bike rider, walker, love outdoors. I am honest, loving, super kisser and cuddler. Employed, looking for similar. Not into bars, all night partying or dancing my ass off. Live, act and live fairly straight life. Body hair is a must. Reply: PO Box 10966, Oakland 94610 or call ★★1587.

Spank Your Butt
Hot, masculine top, 34 y.o., 5'11", 165#, looking for in-shape guys with nice, round butts that need to be put over my knee for a good, old-fashioned spanking. Safe, erotic butt play OK too. Reply with photo to PO Box 14581, SF 94114 or call ★★1588.

Red Roundup
Alan Jackson type wanted by randy dude for fun times. Call ★★1589.

Private Femme
My unrealized fantasy: having a warm and intelligent companion who enjoys dressing and being feminine in private, whether just conversing over dinner or more. I'm an attractive, masculine BiAM top, 5'10", 35, 170#, professional, seeking a younger, slender, smooth bottom (preferably shorter). I'm HIV-, single, non-promiscuous, open-minded, respectful and discreet, desiring similar I enjoy reading, thoughtful conversation, music and massage. Write 2124 Kittredge St., #131, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★1590.

First & Early Timers
GWM, 48, attractive, in-shape, educated, patient, experienced, seeks men who are first or early timers. You are 45+, attractive, in-shape, educated, open-minded, relaxed. We are discreet. Call ★★1591.

GAM Seeks Older
Asian, mid-40s, 5'7", slim, nonsmoker/drinker, affectionate, honest, warm, with quiet lifestyle, enjoys movies, gardening, walking, traveling. I am looking for a 50+ GWM to share same interests and possibly leading to a caring and intimate relationship. Photo appreciated and returned. Reply BT Box OC102A.

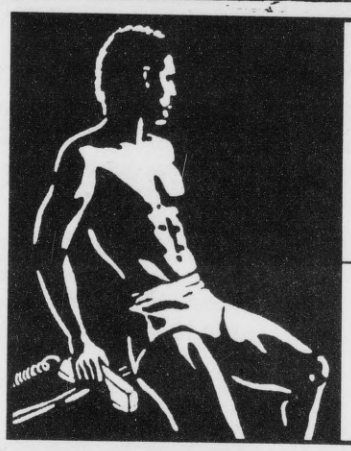
Couple Seeks Adventure
Two GWMs, 36 & 42 y.o., 130 & 140 lbs., both 5'7", attractive, w/moustaches, 7", muscular, HIV+, are seeking other men/couples for hot, safe fun & friendship. If a sensual man-to-man-to-man encounter appeals to you please write: Boxholder, PO Box 426824, SF 94142 or call ★★1592. Photo requested & returned.

So Marry Me Already!
This GWM, 31, 5'10", 140, br/gr, cleanshaven, HIV+, self-employed professional is ready to settle down. Mr. Right is similar to me physically and enjoys parks, beaches, art, movies, progressive music, DPN, dinners out, weekends away, and quiet nights in. He's emotionally secure, has an absurd sense of humor, enjoys exploring the unknown, is politically conscious, and is chemical-free. He must be a romantic, likes being on top, and is just kinky enough to keep things interesting. If this is you, what are you waiting for? Call me! Call ★★1593.

In Search Of A Few Good Men
Attractive and athletic GAM, 36, 145, 5'9", U/C, w/smooth, tanned body seeks similar GAM/GWM, 18-40, for nude beach going, dining, the arts, massage, cuddling, bicycling, or... after a good workout. You should be a nonsmoker, non-drug user, health conscious. Letter w/photo to: PO Box 16371, SF 94116.

Fit & Attractive Master
With sense of humor & purpose, seeks willing slave to work hard at caring/sharing my values: stability, friendship, education, intelligence. Self-employed, 49, WM; 5'10", 200 lbs.; black-silver hair, moustache; blue eyes; cut, medium cock. Dominating attitudes. Clean, sober, self-esteeming behaviors. Prime requirements: hairy, hungry mansucker barking for collared obedience training; few or none tats or piercings; trucking to my S/M agenda only, not yours. Call ★★1594.

HIV+ Latin, Asian, Etc.?
GWM, 38, seeks safe, sane fun with a smooth



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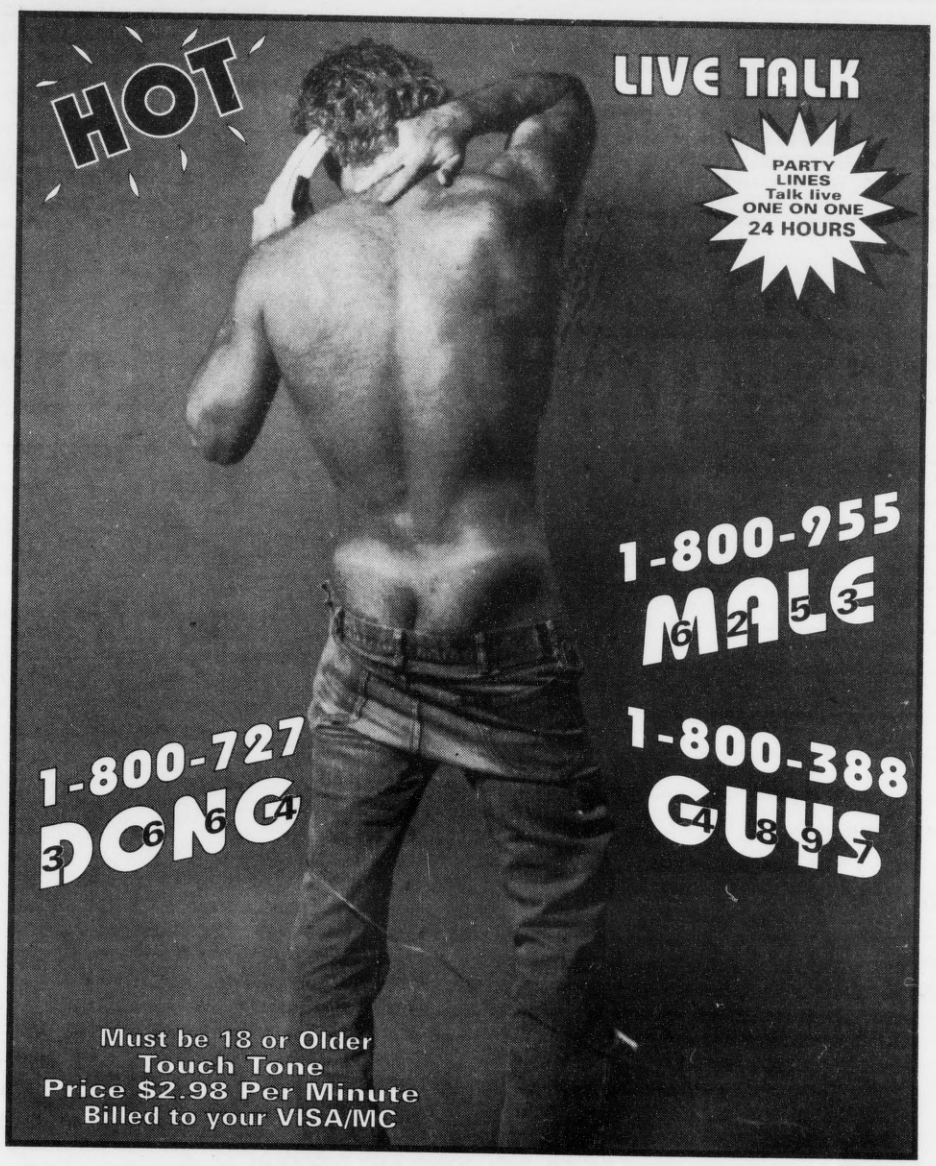

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Hey! I've Been Looking For You

25 y.o. GWM looking for uncut fuck friend. I'm 5'11", 170 lbs., brn/bald w/x-smooth body. I like it top or bottom, more slow and prolonged than fast and over. I love to kiss and really want to worship your uncut cock. Get in touch, we could have a lot of fun! Call ★★1596.

Singer Wanted

By GWM composer for JO adventures. Do you like to sing? And would you like to cum along the way? Give me a call. I'm 46, 5'8", 170 lbs., br/bl and am HIV-. Call ★★1597.

Most Men Are Like Diapers, All Over Your Ass And Full Of Shit

I'm a 30-something GWM "exception to the rule," who's attractive, 5'11", 160, educated, honest, HIV-, with great mind, body and taste. You are white or Hispanic, 28-38, straight-acting, stable, happy, HIV-, politically liberal, somewhat athletic and into dating/relationship with another great guy. South Bay or Peninsula a plus. So... tired of changing diapers? Then call ★★1598.

Teddy Seeks Romance

Cute GWM, 37, 5'10", chunky 190, light brown hair, thick, full beard with minimal body hair, sparkling (and often mischievous) blue eyes and an alluring smile is looking for a partner to share life's ups and downs (share is the key word). I'm intelligent, honest, forthright and an engaging conversationalist—which also means knowing when to listen. I generally rent videos instead of going to the movies and watch documentaries more than sitcoms. I enjoy board/card games and read a good deal. I like classical, rock and high energy music and occasionally like to go dancing. My relationships are based on mutual respect and consideration and don't allow for abusive behavior. I also feel very strongly that we can build a successful relationship regardless of our respective HIV statuses. Sexually I'm more bottom than top, prefer Greek and other butt play to French and believe sex is best when enthusiastically interactive with liberal doses of kissing, cuddling and nipple play (mine are pierced). And you? You're bearded (a must) and get major brownie points if taller, leaner and hairy. Fill in the blanks for me—if writing, please include a recent photo. Reply BT Box OC103A or call ★★1599.

Define Masculine

About a year ago I ran an ad seeking masculine guys; the response ran from "butch" to "get real." You know who you are. If you're not certain you're masculine, don't waste your nickel. If you call your friends "girlfriend," you won't qualify. I'm a GWM, 29, 5'9", 150, HIV-, ambitious MBA. You're smart, fit, more butch than not, HIV-, around my age and (see headline). Call ★★1600.

Sweetheart

He's a sweetheart of a friend, and I think he deserves a sweetheart of a lover. He is tall, trim, bearded, 40s, humpy in that gentle Midwestern way. Softspoken and kind, he's active for social change, travels a bit, runs to keep his figure, and is merrily teaching himself to be a computer wiz. He is ready to meet a special guy for longterm love. Reply BT Box OC104A or call ★★1601.

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Smooth, handsome, masculine, clean-cut, 29 yrs. old, 5'9", 150 lbs., GBM, seeks 1-1 relationship with attractive, masculine, straight-appearing father/mentor, executive, professional GWM, 40-45 yrs. young. Must be physically fit, monogamous, supportive, honest, assertive, successful, modern thinker with modern taste, out of mainstream, top, romantic, great smile and eyes, with a first-class personality. Some of our interests include education, travel, aviation, cooking, sports, beach, sailing, golf, nature, time at home, quality music, friends, each other and living an upscale lifestyle. Masculinity control both physically & mentally in addition to being strong yet sensitive is a must. Liberal ideas, conservative taste & mature communication is a great natural plus. Reply BT Box OC106A or call ★★1608.

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Dear Abby

As a nice, easygoing, financially/emotionally responsible, healthy, funny & lovable GWM, 43, 5'9", 168, drug-free, NS, blue/brown (bald), trimmed beard w/pleasant face, HIV-. I'm looking for a relationship. Enjoy music, films, travel (East/West Bay), home/outdoors, cuddling & kissing, people and many other things. Would like to hear from similar readers looking for same. Signed Hot-to-Trot. Reply BT Box OC107A or call ★★1610.

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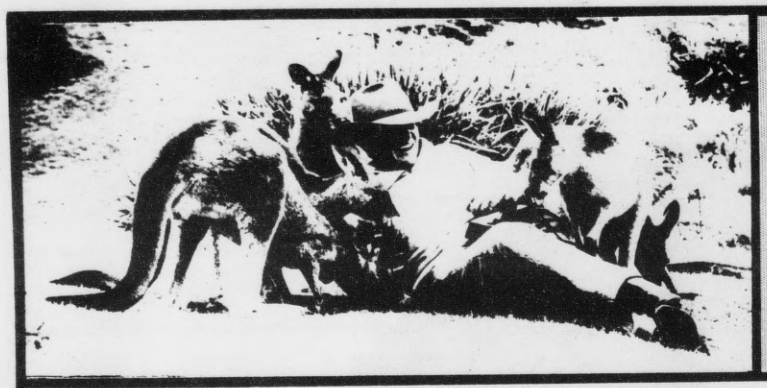

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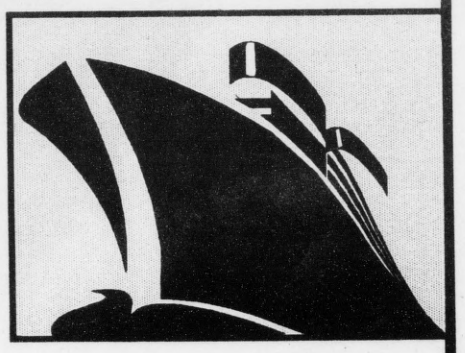

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